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THE volume now issued to the subscribers is a continuation of vol xvi, and provides a further instalment of Wills from 1501 to 1530, with an Appendix of Wills of various dates preserved in the *Archiepiscopal Registers* at Lambeth Palace. The original intention was to have included all the Wills at Somerset House before 1558, at which date the collections of the late Rev. F. Brown (*Somerset Wills*, 6 vols., 1887–1890) begin; but their number and size rendered this impracticable. If possible, the gap still remaining will be filled up by volume xx, to be issued in 1904. Unfortunately the steady shrinkage in the number of subscribers renders it more and more difficult to find the money for the necessary expense of transcribing the records waiting to be printed.

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in allowing the *Tower Records* to perish since the process did not interfere with the muskets, the same spirit seems to actuate the majority of the guardians of Local Records at the present day. The condition of the Somerset County Records occupies a middle position. On the one hand they are collected together in the Shire Hall at Taunton, dry, and in safe custody. On the other hand, they are dirty, in considerable disorder, and without calendar of contents. The oldest County documents date from 1600 or a few years earlier; and they are of those special classes which have been found, when examined, to throw a flood of light on the daily life of the people. A volume of *Quarter Sessions Records*, containing the reign of James I. or the period down to the outbreak of the Civil War, would seem very appropriate to the aims of the Somerset Record Society.

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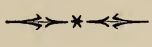

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Preface.

THIS book is a continuation of the XVIth Volume of the Somerset Record Society.

It consists of full abstracts of Wills at Somerset House from 1501 to 1530 from the following registers :—

1501–03 Blamyr.	1517–20 Ayloffe.
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1506–08 Adeane.	1523–25 Bodfelde.
1508–11 Bennett.	1525–28 Porch.
1511–14 Fetiplace.	1529–30 Jankyn.
1514–17 Holder.	

The latter part of the book contains 48 wills from the Archbishop's Registers at Lambeth Palace Library ranging from 1363 to 1491. Among these will be found the wills of four Bishops of Bath and Wells :—

Ralph de Salopia (1329–1363).	Ralph Erghum (1388–1400).
John Harewell (1367–1386).	Nicholas Bubwith (1407–1424).

While that of Oliver King (1495–1503) is given in the earlier part of the volume. Attention is drawn to the fine exordium to this Bishop's will, which has been given in the original (p. 44).

The footnotes and those to be found at the end of this Preface give most of the information which is usually given in

an introduction, but the following supplementary remarks may be of use.

On June 21st, 1511, a Royal licence was signed at Eltham, granting to William, prior of St. Mary, Bruton, permission to change the name of the priory to that of a monastery and to assume the style of Abbot (Somerset Record Society, VIII, p. xlv): it is interesting to notice the change of title as it occurs in the wills (see pp. 143, 186). This abbot was William Gilbert, who was raised to the episcopate with the title of "Episcopus Maiorniensis" (Bishop Clerk's Reg., under date January 2nd, 1524, and December 16th, 1525). No one seems able to decide what place is meant, but it seems certain that it is not Mayo in Ireland. Bishop Stubbs (*Reg. Sac. Angl.*, 2nd Edition, p. 202) says that he was provided "as Majorensis under the Archbishop of Nazareth." *Majorensis* is not in accordance with the spelling in the above register, but perhaps the latter part of the sentence will some day provide a clue to the name of his see "in partibus."

Two other Bishops should be mentioned, Henry Nunney, Suffragan to Bishop Erghum, whose name we have not met with before, and Hugh Inge, a native of Croscombe, who became Archbishop of Dublin. (See notes at end of Preface.)

Light is thrown on life in one of the greater Nunneries such as Shaftesbury, Wilton or Amesbury by the following clause in the will of Sir John Wadham:

> "I will that £20 shall go to the exhibicion of my daughter Alianor in sum house of Religion of women with a woman to waite on her." (p. 28.)

His executors were to decide upon the house, and let us hope that Alianor Wadham found a comfortable home, very probably in one of the houses named above.

To pass from nuns to married women,

> "Experience, though non auctoritee
> Were in this world, is right ynough for me
> To speke of wo that is in mariage :
> For, lordings, sin I twelf yere was of age,
> (Thanked be God that is eterne on live)
> Husbondes at chirche dore have I had five,
> (If I so often might have wedded be)
> And all were worthy men in hir degree."

So speaks the wife of Bath in Chaucer's opening Prologue ; and it is well known that the first part of the marriage ceremony used to take place at the porch. An interesting allusion to this custom (under date 1505) will be found on p. 90.

On pages 190, 191, we find several times repeated the curious expression, "the under parish church of Bruton." It has long been a difficulty with architects and antiquaries to decide exactly where the priory church ended and the parish church began ; and the curious remains in the church itself only serve to enhance the difficulty. It is possible that the above expression may enable some architect, learned in medievalism, to solve the problem.

Where are the chapels of St. Gonthal (p. 43), and St. Judewar (p. 238)? Echo answers where.

The Editor will be most pleased to receive information respecting these and the "Desiderata" at the end of the Preface, and the answers may be incorporated in the next book of wills, which will form the volume for 1904.

It is hoped that the four Indexes will be found useful. For help in them and for most willing assistance in many other ways I again thank my nephew, J. Reginald H. Weaver. My thanks

are also due to my friends, the Rev. Canon C. H. Mayo, R.D., and the Rev. William Warner, Student and Tutor of Christ Church, who have always been so kind as to reply to my frequent requests for information.

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ADDITIONAL NOTES MADE WHILE THE BOOK WAS PASSING THROUGH THE PRESS.

P. 2, line 25. *B.M. de le Peler.*
"Our Lady of the Pillar" was a celebrated place of pilgrimage at Saragossa in Spain.

P. 3, line 13. *Turn his back to the altar at the lavatory.*
The ritual washing of the Celebrant's hands at the offertory. (*N.E.D.*) see also pp. 244, 276.

P. 8, line 31. *A currant masse*, pp. 8, 17, 31, 281, 350.
A current or running mass seems to have been a low mass said quickly without music.
S.A.S. Proceedings, vol. xl. p. 204 (note 82).

P. 22, line 7. *Trental of St. Gregory.*
Thirty masses, three to be said on each of the following ten festivals: Christmas, Circumcision, Purification, Annunciation, Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity, Assumption B.V.M., and Nativity B.V.M.

P. 30, line 8. *Master John Schorne*, see S.R.S. xvi. 268*n.*

P. 59, line 12. *Bredorum.*
Sic MS., probably a mistake for *Hedorum.*

P. 60, line 8. *trendal before the high cross.*
A hanging corona for bearing lights.

P. 71, line 3. *Powder corse.*
The corse of the girdle may have been made of powdered ermine silk, see p. 195, and *Test. Ebor.* iv. 209.

P. 87, line 22. *The prior of Byrkyll.*
This priory or hermitage was situated on Burtle Heath 5 miles west of Glastonbury; see *S. & D. N. & Q.* vol. iv. Part xxx. No. 208, where the present editor has given a list of Priors.

P. 91, line 23. *Genofero.*
This may be a proper name. *Jenifer* occurs in Chester's Lond. Marr. Licences (Foster) p. 756.

P. 93, line 34. *A Colymbeine pece.*
See *S.R.S.* xvi. 151.

P. 94, line 5. *John Champton of Cekington.*
Sic MS. John Compton of Bekington is probably meant. See p. 47.

P. 105, line 18. *Churchyard of St. Thomas.*

There seems to be little doubt that this is the church of St. Thomas the Martyr, Bristol. Mathew was a common name in Bristol, and Wm. Bedford, burgess of Bristol, witnesses a will of a testator of that parish, Feb. 9th, 1505–6. The parish was then in the diocese of Bath and Wells. See Wadley's *Bristol Wills*, p. 174.

P. 112, line 13. *Four lights of the church.*

In many wills these "four" lights are specially mentioned, not only at Shepton Mallet but in other parishes.

In all probability they were:

The Light before the B.V.M.
The sepulchre light.
The dead light or "alsolen" light.
The High Cross light.

See *Wells Wills*, p. xii. (Trull).

P. 123, line 4. *half a whay of whete of my mowe.*

Wey of corn=44 lbs. *History of Minehead* (Hancock) p. 252.

P. 162, line 22. *Hugh, Bishop of Meath*, see pp. 45, 166, 169.

Hugh Ynge or Inge was probably a native of Croscombe, Somerset (see will of John Yng, p. 162).

1501, June 24. Canon and Preb. of Cudworth (Reynolds).
1503, August 29. Prebendary of E. Harptree (Reynolds).
1503, October 22. Succentor of Wells Cath. (Reynolds).
1508, April 7. Vicar of Weston Zoyland (*S.I.* 211).
1509, November 19. Vicar of Doulting (*S.I.* 80).
1511, April 3. M. A. Oxon incorporated D.D. of New College (Oxon. Reg. Boase 75).
1512, Bishop of Meath.
1522, Archbishop of Dublin.

He was sometime Vicar of Wellow (*S.I.* 207).

P. 166, line 20. *Dompnus* Ioannes Water, Prior of Montacute, but *Dominus* Willelmus Cheswey, clericus.

Dompnus refers to a *regular*, dominus to a *secular* priest.

P. 169, line 2. *A new ambo in the choir.*

A rostrum, desk or pulpit with a large desk before it, in a choir, whereon the officiating clerics stood to chant the Lections, Epistle and Gospel (Lee's *Glossary*, p. 27).

P. 174, line 33. *A buters cle of silver and gilte.*

Clee=claw (*N.E.D.*) a bitterne's claw.

Extract from Turbervile's *Falconrie* (1575) p. 349.

"The manner of taking up of Hawkes veynes when an humour droppeth downe too fast on their feete. Take the Clee of a Bittor or of some other bird whatsoever wherewith do lift uppe the veyne and drawe your silke threede under the veyne uppon the Clee, and knit it on the side towards the leg to the kneeward, for if ye cut it towardes the thigh above the knot ye spoyle your Hawke."

P. 181, line 1. *To the devocion light* 12*d.* (See also p. 193.)

A reference to the other Dunster wills will show that this light is the same as the "Dead Light," which is also sometimes called *lumen animarum* (p. 146). See *Wells Wills*, pp. 212, 214.

P. 182. The Chykes were of Wareham and Bruton.

In Sparkford church there is a brass to a rector of that church with this inscription :

"hic jacet Iohẽs Chyke filius et
"heres Stephī Chyke de Warehm̃
"quondam rector istius ecc̃lie qui
"obiit xxvj. die Marcii a° dni m.v.
"xiij. cujus aĩe ꝓpicietur deus amen."

The will of Robert Chyke of Bruton, Somerset, was proved 1542 (P.C.C. F.11. Spert).

P. 182, line 33. *At Bruton is a free scole.*

The school at Bruton was founded in 1519, *i.e.*, estates were given to support it at that date: but this will shows that the school was flourishing in 1515, while the will of Simon Green dated 1506 implies that it was in existence then, "to each *scholar* present 1*d.*" At every monastery there was a school for the novices ; and at Bruton the Priory (afterwards Abbey) school seems to have admitted neighbouring boys to its advantages long before the date usually given as its foundation.

P. 184, line 9. *My best goblet with a cover with crampetts upon the knopp.*

Crampet, the chape of the scabbard of a sword : occasionally used in Heraldry as a charge. (*N.E.D.*)

P. 187*n.* "Rood-light called Dawell light." (*S.R.S.* iv. p. 232.)

But at Frome (p. 228) these lights are given as separate things ; it is much more likely to be equivalent to the "light of souls" (p. 146), *i.e.* The Dead Light.

P. 238, line 25. The Official Index (p. 343) has *James* Lovell, but *John* is correct.

P. 245, line 36. *pagis.*

This must mean a paxbred.

P. 250, line 7. *Counterpoynt* = quilt or counterpane (*N.E.D.*)

P. 297, line 12. *Henry Noneye, my suffragan* (1398).

Nothing is known of this Bishop, a native apparently of Nunney, Somerset, who was suffragan to Bishop Erghum. His name does not occur in Bishop Stubbs's *Registrum Sacrum Anglicanum*, nor in the *Wells Cathedral MSS.*

P. 300, line 21. *Sheets of Raynes.*

This cloth took its name from Rennes in Bretagne, where it was originally manufactured. (*Drapers' Dictionary*, p. 273.)

P. 302. *Lady Joan Mohun.*

This lady was a daughter of Sir Bartholomew de Burghersh. Her husband, John Mohun Lord of Dunster, died in 1376. *Dunster and its Lords*, p. 34.

P. 307, line 4. *Unum docerum stannatum de septem sapientibus.*

"A dorser stained with the seven wise men." The seven wise men of Greece were Thales of Miletus, Solon of Athens, Chilo of Lacedemon, Pittæus of Mytilene, Bias of Priene, Cleobulus of Lindi, and Periander of Corinth.

Stained and Painted cloth was very common 1450–1545 in churches and houses: for the former, see *Surrey Inventories* (reprinted from the Surrey Archæological Society, 1869). An Example of domestic stained cloth will be found in *Bury Wills* (Camden Society, pp. 33, 245), 1463, "my steynyd cloth with vij ages" (see *Prompt. Parv.* p. 7).

P. 308, line 31. *Thomas Botener late burgess of the city of Bristol.*

Botener was the family name of William of Worcester (1415–82). (See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

P. 312, line 13. *Cloth of ramacate.*

Racamas, Panni pretiosioris species: *étoffe précieuse couverte de broderie* (*Ducange*).

"In 27 Ed. III. 1353, to Sir Thomas de Swynnerton of the gift of the king, by way of fee, of the cost of one cloth of gold-worked 'rakemat' placed over the head of the king on Christmas Day in the 27th year (of the reign)...100*s*." Ancestor No. 7, p. 220.

Ramacate is evidently a mere corruption of *Racamate*.

Desiderata.

P. 59. Bredorum.
91. Genofero.
144. apetrull.
146. Teyme.
150. moggehouse.
151. lerneman.
276. Scala celi.
333. denfote.
342. geobbes.

SOMERSET WILLS.

1488. DREW MOMPESSON.[1]

[16 Milles.]

August 14th, 1488. Drew Mompesson. My body to be buried in the chapell of St. Nicholas at Batynton [Bathampton]. 20*d.* to the Cathedral Church of Sarum. 3*s.* 4*d.* to the church of Segre for tithes forgotten. I will that all such goods and writinges as I have receyvid of Anne Barrons be delivered be myn executors to Sir Richard Bechamp, knight, and that my wife and Nicholas Rogers shewe hym the trewth for the discharge of my soule and thers. Also I will that my fader have the rewle of myn oldeste sonne and that the remnant of my children be guyded by my wife by advise and councell of my fader and moder. To my brother, Mr. Henry, a boke callid *Polycronycon*; to my brother Thomas, my best gowne; to my brother William, my second gowne; to my brother Merven, oon of my crossbowes; to my brother Whitehed, another crosse bowe; and to my cosen Bonenam, the third; to my uncle Unewyn my best wodknyfe; to my cosen Thomas Long my best bill; to my eldest sonne my signett; to my cosen Stradling my second best bill. Maister Robard Burten my closid Sawter to pray for me. To Nicholas Rogers the byll that he gave me. Also I will that my servants be trewly content ther wages and over that that myn executors reward them with the remnant of my aray after

[1] The margin has "Testamentum Drugonis Mompesson."

ther discrecion for ther true service. I desire myn executors that a vertuouse prest may sing for my soule at Segre or wherever they think best by the space of a yere and furthermore I will that my bokys of law be delivered by bill endented to occupy them till oon of my children be abyll if eny be disposed to go to it.

Executors: John Mompesson, Thomas Unewyn, John Bonenam, and Avyse my wyfe and I will that they dispose the remnant of my goods for the welth of my wyfe and my children.

Miseremini mei, miseremini mei, saltem vos amici mei, quia manus domini tegit me.

Also I will that the goodeman of this howse have 3*s.* 4*d.* for the losse that he shall take for my liying her and I besech my fader and moder of ther blessing and prayer Amen.

Proved at Lamehithe, October 10th, 1488.

1499. AGNES PETYGREWE.

[12 Bennett.]

April 22nd, 1499. Agnes Petygrewe of Publowe in the diocese of Bath and Wells, etc. My body to be buried in the church of All Saints of Publowe. To the mother church 8*d.* To the church of St. Thomas the martyr [of Pensford] one torch and my green gown. To the church of Publowe one blue gown. To John Peryn and Margaret his wife "le fatte and furneyse" and all things belonging to my dyeing house. To my daughter Joan certain goods to the value of 40*s.* To the church of St. Thomas of Pensford one table cloth for the altar of the blessed Nicholas with one measure of woode [woad] and 8*d.* To the church of Publow one torch with a measure of woode. To the B.M. "de le Peler" [Pillar] of the said church of Publow my weding ryng.

Executor: John Peryn of Publow.

Overseers: John Brewer and William Whitte of Wolwood.

Proved at Lambeth, March 12th, 1508.

1499. THOMAS WHITYNGDALE.

[25 Fetiplace.]

July 24th, 1499. Thomas Whityngdale. My body to be buried in the churchyard of B.M.V. [Ilminster]. To the high

altar of Ilmystre 6*s.* 8*d.* To the altar of the Holy Cross 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Proved at Lambeth, July 12th, 1512.

1499. JOHN HEYRON.

[4 Blamyr.]

The 8th day of August, 1499. I, John Heyron, do make my will as follows. I give my body to be buried in the "new Ile of Langport at the awt ende." I will that my son give "x mrc̃ worth land" to a priest and his successors to pray for me, "my fader and my moder," all my children and their children, for the souls of Ays [*sic*] my wife, Thomas Wodeholl, John Smyth, John Hugons and Richard [*sic*], and for all the souls of them "that I haue take eny goode wrongfully of," and for all Christian souls. And at every mass to turn his back to the "awt at the lavatory" and say De profundis[1] for my soul and for all the souls aforesaid. I will that this chantry endure for ever, and that my next heir present a conable[2] priest to the same. If he omit to do this, then I will that the Portreve of Langport and the Constables of the same present a conable priest to the same. I will that the said priest say Placebo and Dirige "ij tymes in the Wike" with a masse of Requiem, to wit, Wenysday and Friday. To the Mother Church of Wells 20*d.* To the Church of Langport 40*s.* To the Abbot of Mochelney 10*s.*; and to every brother there 16*d.* to say Placebo and Dirige for my soul the day of my obit and months mind. To the Abbot of Athelney 10*s.*; and to every brother there 16*d.* to say Placebo and Dirige with a solemn mass for my soul. To the Prior of Taunton 10*s.*; and to every brother there 16*d.* To the Friars of Yevelchester and Briggewat to say like prayers for me 10*s.* to each house. To every Chantry priest of Langport 2*s.* 6*d.* To every priest that shall be at my dirge and mass 8*d.* To 5 poor men[3] in the worship of the 5 wounds of our Lord "15 brode yerde of blacke to make them 5 gownes and howde;" and to each of them 4*d.* in

[1] Ps. cxxx.

[2] Conabill, suitable, convenient. Cf. covenable, convenable. Late Lat. convenabilem. Dict. of M.E.

[3] *Test. Ebor.*, iv, 99, 217.

money to bear 5 torches for me at my burial. To every man, woman and child that shall be at my burial 1*d.* To "eũy of my sustern a pype of wode." To Agnes Grendale 20 marks. To every servant of mine 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that the feoffees of my land in [1]Chelworthe(1) Pyse merrshe(2) Illaygh(3) Hilcombe(4) Doniet, Seynt Mary Bokeland, Muddesley in Wedmor, Wynnegoddę place in Estbrent, make an estate thereof to John Heyron my son and to the heirs of my body begotten; for default of such issue the remainder thereof to John Hoskyn son of Thomas Hoskyn and to the heirs of his body; for default, the remainder thereof to my right heirs. "And of all the Remayne of my landę to be to John and his heirę in fee symple." The remainder of my goods I give to John my son, desiring him to perform this my will in all things upon pain of my curse. I ordain John Heyron and the parson of Hame[2] executors. I make Sir Amys Poulet supervisor. I give to my Lord Chamberlayne to be goode lord to my said son 20 marks.

Proved at Lambeth, September 26th, 1501.

1500. HENRY SUTTON.

[4 Blamyr.]

April 1st, 1500. Henry Sutton, clerk, treasurer of the cathedral church of Sarum. My body to be buried in the said church next the chapel of the Blessed Mary, and before the chapel of St. John Apostle and Evangelist. To the fabric of the said church 20 marcs, for two entercloses at the end of the choir there namely one between the choir and the chapel of St. Margaret and the other between the choir and the chapel of the Relics if it pleases the dean and chapter of the said church to consent to this, if not that then they shall spend the said 20 marcs in lead for the reparation of the said church where most need is. To the Abbot and Convent of Byndon, to the Prior and Convent of Bruton, to the Prior and Convent of Christ Church Twynham, to each of these places 20*s.* So

[1] (1) Chilworthy in Ilminster; (2) (3) in Ilminster, partly in Combe St. Nicholas; (4) in Ilminster.

[2] 1459, June 12, Joh. Dyer, A.B. 1499, Oct. 2, Ric Nykke LL.D., per mort. J. D.

that every *frater religiosus* of the said places shall have an equal portion with this intention that he shall pray for my soul and for the souls of all the faithful dead. To each of the said places one pair of vestments of velvet. To the parish church of Calne for the use of the high altar one pair of vestments of red velvet. To the parish church of Fichelden one pair of vestments. To the parish church of Mynehed for the use of the high altar a pair of vestments or 40*s.* to mend their vestments. To the parish church of Portland one pair of vestments. To Sir William Kyllyngton, priest, one blue gown furred with "materns" with the hood and 6*s.* 8*d.* in silver. To Eliseus Goulde my best feather bed with blankets, a pair of sheets and the canopy (*superlectile*) which is at Mynhed also my second best horse with saddle and harness (*apparatu*). To John Polrigge one whole bed, and one gown furred with black lamb and 6*s.* 8*d.* and one horse proper for him to ride. To each of the rest of my servants, one bed at the discretion of my executors. To Robert Langton one gown, one doublet with hose (*caligis*) and 40*s.* To John West and Robert Fry, each of them, one gown at the will of my executors. I will that my servants have their salary for one whole year beyond the salary of that quarter in which I happen to die with food and drink for one month after my death. To Master Thomas Madice 10*s.* To Master William Yate to pray for my soul 10*s.* To the rest of the fellows (*sociis*) of the college or house of scholars "de valle Sarum" 10*s.*, to be equally divided among them. To Thomas Newburgh one small gown of "skarlet" with its hood. To John Dale, armiger, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Pet, 6*s.* 8*d.* To each poor person of the house of St. Nicholas 12*d.* To the cook and washerwoman there 12*d.* To each priest, being fellows of the College of Merton, 20*d.* To four chaplains there celebrating divine office to each 12*d.* To each fellow not a priest, 8*d.*

Residue: I will that it shall be expended by my executors for a licence to found my chantry and in other pious uses for the health of my soul, as shall seem best to them. My plate of silver and gold to be sold and similarly spent by my executors.

Executors: My friends, Master William Elyott, clerk, "*con-*

frater meus," and Master Thomas Madyce, clerk, and John Loder, chaplain (to each of whom I leave 100*s.*)

Supervisor: The most Reverend Father and Lord in Christ, Lord John,[1] by the grace of God, Cardinal priest of St. Anastasia in the most holy Roman Church, Archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England, and legate of the Apostolic see.

I have affixed my seal.

Proved at Lambeth, October 28th, 1501.

1500. RICHARD LATRIDGE.

[11 Holgrave.]

May 15th, 1500. Richard Latridge. My body to be buried where it shall please God. To the cathedral church of Wells, 4*d.* To Joan and Margaret, my daughters, and John, my son, 40*s.* and four measures of woad (*gayde*). To John Cotreli 20*s.* and three measures of woad.

Residue: Idoda, my wife (executrix).

Overseer: John Pole, to dispose for the health of my soul.

Proved at Lambeth, May 2nd, 1504.

1500. JOHN BYCONYLL, KNT.

[5 Blamyr.]

August 13th, 1500. John Byconyll, knyght. My bodye to holy sepulture where as by God's mercy I shall hereafter declare. I will that there be saide for my sowle, the sowlis of my fadre and modre, my godfather, my godmother, my wife Johan, my brother William, my sister Elizabeth, and all my brothers and sisters, the sowle of Jamys Ormond, somtyme Erle of Wilts, Henry Horsie, Henry Bear, Richard Pigott, William Carent, and all christian sowlis m[1] m[1] masses assone after my decease as goodly maie be done at London and other good townes, every priste taking for a masse 2*d.* I bequeth to the parish church of Northory [North Curry] £10, or a sute of vestaments price of £10 to pray for the sowle of Thomas Baker

[1] John Morton, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1486–1500, he died Sept. 15, 1500.

somtime vicar there. I will that the church chauncell and porche of Northperot be performed, and three bells convenyent ordeyned therto: to every housholder of Southperot and Northperot 20*d.* to Elizabeth my wife in mony C £ and in plate the worth of an C £ to use it for her life; to my curate parson of Southperot for tithes not duly done, 10 marke; to Robert Roper of Myddelchynnok 40*s.*; to my said wife all my napery, shetes, apparell of chambres, stuff of kechyn and all other utensils and all my quyk catell; to the church of Wolavyngton, 10 marke to be emploied upon some stok as melch kien or other like thyngs by thencrese wherof ther maie be yerely an obite kept ther for me and those above specified, and of this my testament I make my executors Elizabeth my wyfe, Sir John Speke, Kt., and William Sayntmawre her sonne, and John More of Columpton everich of theym to have convenyently after the labour that they take.

Proved November 29th, 1501.

Codicil.

And be it knowen that all my lands stande in feoffament to performe this my laste will made the 15th daie of August the yere abovesaid of our Lord 1500, and of King Henry VII 16th yere, and levery of seison made accordyng to my dedis therof. Furste, I will that my feofees suffer me to take all thissues and profitts of all the landis aforesaid whiles I live, and after my deceasce that Elisabeth my wife have all the saide landis for terme of her life, if she live sole with owte empechement of waste. Except such lands as hereafter foloeth I do otherwise dispose, she to fynde yerely 5 scolars at Oxforde to lerne the law dyvyne for techynge Christian people everych of theym to have yerely 4 mrke or 5 if that be to litle. I will that my maners of Southperot and Northperot and Pepilpeis[1] with the advowsens therof and other appurtenances and all my landes tenements rents reversions and servyces in the same be ordeyned by my said feoffees therof to remayn after the deceasce of my saide wife to William Sayntmawre her sonne for terme of his life, for that I truste he will be vertuous. And to thentent that he do help and socour poore peple in right at their nede as

[1] Pipplepen (Devon).

moche as shalbe in his power and nothyng to take therfor fynding yerely 2 scolars unto Oxford as he will aunswere to God for it. And after his deceasce I will that the saide maners, lands and tenements with thappurtenances aforesaid be ordeyned by my saide feofees to remayn to Giles Daubney knyght and Henry his son for terme of their lives. The remaynder therof to the saide William Sayntmawre and theires males of his bodie comyng and for lak of such issue the remayndre therof to the saide Giles Lord Dawbney and theires males of his bodie comyng. And for defaute of such issue the remayndre of the manor of Southperot with thappurtenances to John Horsy of Clifton and to his heires except a tenement with landes therto perteyning in which John Draper now dwellith which I will remayn to the saide William Sayntmawr and to his heires. And I will that the mano^r of Northperot after thastate aforesaide remayn to Thom^s Lorde la War and to his heires, except landes in the same which I purchased of Richard Nele and William Naisshe those I will remayn to the saide William Sayntmawre and his heires. And in like wise I will that the mano^r of Pepilpeis with all the lands rents, reversions and servyces therto perteyning be ordeyned by my feoffees to remayn to the foresaide William Seyntmawre and to his heires to do therwith and with the parcells above excepted in South Perot and North Perot to hym assigned and to his heires as after this I shall with Goddes mercie devyse. I will that my saide feoffees make a state in fee of my landes in Wanteslegh, Braudwyndsore, Estcoker, Westcoker, Stokett under Hamdon and Strete upon the Vosse unto personnes of substans sum spirituall sum temporall as the soveraỹn of the place where my bodie shall lie shall name to the nombre of 16 to ordeyn and cause to be saide daily a currant masse by oon of his brethren wele disposed of the saide place in perpetuyte, and he to have wekely 20*d.* paied by the saide soverayn or his assigne. And I will that the feoffees suffer hym to take the profitts of the saide lands for thentent to pray for my sowle, the sowlis of Elisabeth my wife Johan late my wife, my father and mother sowle, my godfather and godmother sowle, the sowle of my brother William, and all my brethren and suster sowlis, the sowlis of Jamys Ormond late Erle of Wiltes, Ric.

Pigott, Henry Bear, Henry Horsie, John Morton late Cardynall of Cant and all christian sowlis. And I will that whenne those 16 feoffees be deceascid to the number of 4, that those 4 make a state to other 16 personnes to be named by the said soverayn of the house wher I shall lie to performe and contynue the said masse daily as is above specified. And so sueyngly such feoffament to be renued and made by thassignment and namyng of the said soverayn of the house wher my bodie shall lie to thentent abovesaid perpetually to be don and kept. I will that like feoffament be made by my said feoffees to 16 parsones or mo of all the residue of my landes with like demeanyng theruppon to fynde with the revenues therof scolars to Oxford eche of theym takynge 4 marke by the yere and to procede in lernyng of dyvinitie to teche the people of God in such nombre as the said revenue will suffise unto. The said scolers to be named and assigned by the foresaide soverayn of the house where my bodie shall lie, and he to take the saide revenue by suffrans of the feoffis and make payment to the scolers. And for his good oversight to the masse abovesaid daily to be kept and saide and the labours that he shall susteyn for the scolers above specified I will the foresaide soverayn of the house where I shall lie have yerely c/- of the lands assigned for the masse and scolers abovesaid, provyded that he assigne the scolars in Southperot, Northperot and other my lands in Somersetshire. I will that my feoffees of my lands in Deuonshire make to the forsaide Giles Daubney Lord Dawbney astat to hym and to his heires malis of his bodie comyng, fynding a scolar to Oxford to pray for me, and his heires aforesaide, as he or they will aunswere to God therfor. The remaynder therof to William Sayntmawre and to theires malis of his bodie comyng he and his heires to fynde a scoler to Oxforde to pray for me, my wifes and my frendes, as he and they will aunswere to God therfor. The remaynder therof to Thomas Wode and his heires fynding a preste to syng for the sowlis of Henrie Bear and for the sowlis of me and my frendes.

Yeven the daie and yere above specified.

Proved November 29th, 1501.

1500. THOMAS MALETTE.

[2 Blamyr.]

August 28th, 1500. Thomas Malette: my bodie to be buried in the myddis of the chauncell of Saynt Mighell of Ennemer. To the cathedral church of Wellis 10*s*. To the church of Ennemer 40*s*. to be disposed after the discretion of the executrice: my will is that my feoffis suffer my sonne William to have the manor of Coripoll with all the stuffe within and withowte except the corne and half my shepe, whiche I wolde Isabell my wife have liberte to sell or to dispose at her will. My sonne William to have my evidences in my chapell at Ennemer with all the stuffe therin. My sonne Baldwyne to have the maner of Westcantokished with all my stuffe beyng upon the said maner to him and his issue malis, so that there cannot be gote a mariage for hym that shalbe to the value of £20 of lande by the yere of eneritans in hand or in reversioun; and if that canne begoten than that the maner of Westcantokished retourne to my heirs incontynent on this condicion that wheras I have purchased the maner of Cursley[1] with the appurtenance and gevin it to my sonne William and to his wife in joynture I will my sonne William fynde a priest at Ennemere with the same lands to praie for me and the sowlis of Sir Baldwyne Malet and Dame Avise his wife, Hugh Malet and Johanne his wife, Thomas Malet, Johanne, Elizabeth and Isabell his wifis, in perpetuyte and wheras I have enfeoffed my sonne Baldwyne, Sir John Braunche, Simon Homyng and John Logge of and in all my lands within the countie of Somerset my will is that they shall stonde so seasid unto this be perfourmed by my sonne William and if that he will not agre thereto that thanne I will my said feoffes dispose as moche lande oute of the maner of Liddarde as shall content the same my will to the value of 9 marcs by the yere; and also on condicion my wife marie noo more but lyve sole, thanne I will my said feoffis make unto Isabell my wife a state of the maner of Sutton Malet duryng her life, whome I will and ordeyn to be my executrice to dispose for my sowle all my

[1] Corsley, a hamlet in Lydiard St. Laurence, owned by the Malets. (Collinson, III, 265.)

goodis moveable and unmovable except to every of my childrenne I will she shall delyver a cuppe of silver gilte suche as it shall please her. The residue of my plate she to have durynge her life and after her decease to my sonne William and if my sonne Baldwyne maie marye an heyr to the value aforesaid that thanne I will my said wife to be charged to paie C*li.* for the same mariage and to every of my servantes of men 6*s.* 8*d.* and women servantes 3*s.* 4*d.* and also if this C*li.* aforesaid will not be sufficient to content for the mariage of my sonne Baldwyne that thanne I will my sonne William and my said feoffes perceive and take of my lande for the same intent C*li.* more if it shall be required and also my daughter Margaret to have an annuyte of 20*s.* owte of the maner of Coripole during her life and the residue of all my goods I bequethe unto Isabell my wife, my executrice, to fulfill my laste will and paie my dettis and Jhesu have mercy upon my sowle and geven the daie and yere abovesaid. Proved at Lambeth, July 24th, 1501.

1500. JOHN MOMPESSON.

[15 Blamyr.]

September 18th, 1500. John Mompesson the elder as a meke child of God, &c., to be buried at my newe chapell in Bathampton as it is ther provided for. I bequeth to 80 prestes to each prest 12*d.* to pray for my soule, to 80 of the poverst men of my tenants and other of my neghbours to each 4*d.*, to pray for my soul. To our lady church of Sarum 10*s.*, also I will that before the ymage of our [lady] in our lady chapell there be sett a taper of 12*d.* and likewise before our lady at morowe masse auter a taper of 12*d.* and in likewise before St. Osmond's shryne a taper of 12*d.* To the parishioners of Fysherton 20*d.*, to the prisoners of the gate 20*d.*, to my susters of the honorable house of Shaftesbury a pair of vestments of satyn of bruggs [Bruges] with a scochin of my armes and my wifes in the cross on the bakks or 20*s.* To my Susters of the worshipfull house of Wylton a paire of vestments in like wise. To my susters of the Religious hous of Amesbury a pair of vestments in like wise. To my brethren of the monastery of Mayden Bradley the same or 20*s.* To my brethren of the Religious Howse of Edyngton the

same. To the blak ffreris of Sarum the same. To the gray ffreris of Sarum the same, praying everiche of the said Religious howsis of their charite to kepe an obit and dirige and masse for my soule. I will that every of the foresaid houses possessions have for a petaunce among them 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to each house of the freris of Sarum 3*s.* 4*d.*, to my brethren of Houndeloo 3*s.* 4*d.* praying them of their charitie of a like obit and to deliver them the letter of their fraternite. To my parish church of Langford a paire of vestments of satyn of Brugges with a scochyn in the bak and I will that before our lady there be sett a taper of 8*d.* and a like taper before Alhalowen. To the parson of Langford that hath cure of my soule his mortuary and my best quik best. To the parish church of Wyly a paire of like vestments, and to the parson there for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of Fyssherton a cope with a like scochon. To the parish church of Segre a paire of like vestments. To the parish church of Somerford the same. To the parish church of Lytilton Drewe the same. To the parish church of Keyworth the same and over this I will that in every of the said parish churches be kept one obite of dirige and masse for my soul, the curate of every church to have for his labor 12*d.*, and to the church men of every parissh for tythes 8*d.* And to make to all the parissh a drynking of brede ale and chese in everich parissh to the value of 5*s.* And if any therof be left, I will it be departed to suche of the parissh as hath moost nede, myne owne poor tenants best seyne to. And to everich of the ringers at dirige and masse, 4*d.* And to the ringers of my mynde nyghtly by the space of a month at Langford, Wyly and Fissherton, 12*d.* To everiche of the poor men of the Almeshous at Heytisbury, 5*d.* praying everiche of them of ther charitie to say v tymes Our Lady sawter for my soule, praying Maister Cotell to receyve this money for them, and to deliver v sondry daies to everich of them 1*d.* to say daily our lady psalter during the v daies. I bequeth to my sonne Gerard my long gowne of vyolett furred with Calabre and one of my doubletts of silk. To my sonne Walter Mervyn my russet gowne furred with old Marterns and one of my doubletts of silk, and to my doughter his wife 3 gobletts with a coveryng and to hir 40*s.* and the detts that they owe me. To my doughter Dame Elizabeth 4*li.* in money or

goodis and I will that if she will say daily for my soule the 3rd part of Jhu sawter by the space of one yere that she have for hir labour 20*s.* To William my sonne my gowne of russet furred with blak lambe and one of my doubletts of silk and 20*li.* in money or money worth toward his mariage to be deliveryd to hym by myne executours at such tyme as may be moost for his worship and profitt by thadvise of myne executours with condicion that if he or any other for him lette or interrupt my said executours or take, kepe other medill with any other of my goodis thenne is in this my last will bequethed unto him, thenne I will and straitly charge myne executours that he have no profitt of this my bequest but thenne I will that this my last will as in this article be voyde and without effect. I bequeth of my charitie to Marie, to hir mariage 40*li.* wherof 40 marc is paid to hir husband's mother and I will that the 20 marc which remayneth be paide by myne executours to Thomas Ludlowe her husband as sone as he hath made hir suer of 20 marc lond in jointure. To Margery ten marc in money to be bestowed to hir welth and worship after the discrecion of myne executours, yf she be of good gyding and honest conversacion. To Sir William Crouch 3*s.* 4*d.* To Sir William Dove 3*s.* 4*d.* praying everiche of theym of ther charitie to remembr[p] and pỹ for my soule. To John Bonehm̃ 20*s.*; to John Burley 20*s.*; to John Hampton 20*s.*; to Gregory Morgan 10*s.*; to my sonne Ludlowe my blak gowne furred with shank and a doubelet of silk and to my doughter Marye his wife a litill girdill of silver and gilt with a curs [corse] of goold and 5*li.* in money or stuf. To John Mompesson sonne to my sonne Drewe my demy gowne of Puk lyned with sarcenet and my crosse of goold that I had of Maister Courte, and to my doughter Alice his wife 3 of my best gobletts with other coveryng and my blak bee[1] of goold that my sonne doctor[2] amendid at London. To Anne my wife a standing swagid cuppe of silver and gilt with the coveryng of the same, my secunde best hope of goold to were it and to remember to pray for my soule and 20*li.* in money with condition that if she or any other for hir interrupt myne executours or take, kepe or medill

[1] See page 30 (n).
[2] Dr. Henry Mompesson was Rector of North Cadbury, 1490--1507. *Som. Inc.*, 40.

with any of my goods or cataillis other thenne is by my last will bequethed unto hir thenne I will that she in any wise take no profitt of this my bequest but that my will in this article be voide and withoute effect. I bequeth to John Holys 6*s.* 8*d.*, to Hugh Cooke 6*s.* 8*d.*, to John Holman 6*s.* 8*d.*, to Richard Rowden 6*s.* 8*d.*, to William Rawlyn 10*s.* and to Thomas Coggs 10*s.*, and one of my best kyne yf he abide still and dwelle with my sonne John, and I will that William Rawlyn, Thomas Coggs, Robyn Jenkyn and old Jane have sufficient mete drynke cloth and logging of my son John for terme of ther lyvis, if they list to tarry so long with him, and in esspeciall when ther labor is passid and goon, to lyve with him as poor Almys men to pray for my soule. To Elynor 3*s.* 4*d.*, to Avise 3*s.* 4*d.*, to everiche of the two litill maydens 20*d.* To my sonne Henry my fair litill bible, a tippett of blak velvett, my best gowne furred with Marterons, my best hoope of goold and asmuche of my goodes and cataills ashall come to the somme of c marc. Also I will that myne executours chose a sad and a devoute prest to sey daily for my soule the psalmys of the Passion with the praiers that therto apperteynith, which must be said a c and l tymes as it apperith in a litill boke of myne and he to have for his labor 20*s.* Also I will and require John Kyngismyll seriaunt of the lawe, Henry Mompesson and William Frost, John Bonehm̃ and Robert Bonevyn to whom by my dede indentid I have gevin and deliveryd certeyn of my goods and cataills to do accordyng in maner and forme as is expressid in the same dede therof to their nede. And for asmoche as the said goodes and cataillis be not yet by me fully valued ne specified therof I will and by this my last will geve poor [power] to myn executours to specifie name and value them by their discrecions unto the somme of cc marc. Wherfor I have deliveryd with myn hande to the said John Kyngismyll, Henry Mompesson, William Frost, John Bonehm̃ and Robert Unvyn in the name of the said summe parcell of my plate as it more playnly apperith in a bill subscribed with myne owne hand, and on this I will that myne heir and myne executours kepe and contynue my household by the space of a hoole yere immediately aftre my decesse, of the which yere I will that myne exours have the reule and gyding of my saide houshold. And the charge therof to be borne by them

the space of the first di yere, and myne heir to bere the charges of the secunde di yere unto the tyme my yere terment be kept and passid. And thenne I will that my said exours deliver him of my goodis and catails to the value of one *cli.* to be named and valued by my said exours. Also I will that if any person or persones to whom I have made in this my testament any bequest, lette or interrupt myn exours or take, kepe or medyll with any of my goodes and catails other thenne is in this my testament beqwethed to theym, thenne I will that that persone that so doeth take no profitt of this my last will ne have noon suche bequest as is to hym here ordeyned. The residue of all my goodes to Henry Mompesson doctor, John Bonehm̃ and John Burley esquyers whom I make myne executours to execute and perfourme this my last will publisshed and redde in the presence of Anne Mompesson my wife, John Mompesson myne heire, Thomas Ludlowe, Marye Ludlowe, Gregorie Morgan, with many other.

[Here follows a very long "*ultima voluntas*" concerning testator's lands in Wiltshire.]

Codicil.

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Be it knowen to all Cristen peple by thes presents that I, John Mompesson the elder esquier gyve, and by this my present writing endented, graunt unto John Kyngismylle seriaunt to the lawe, Henry Mompesson clerk, William Frost, John Bonehm̃ and Robert Unwyn esquiers certeyn of my goodes and cataillis specified and valued in a cedule unto this dede with one labelle annexed, the said John Kyngismylle, Henry, William, John Bonehm̃ and Robert to have, occupie, possede, and enioye alle the said goodes and cataillis and every parcell of theym withoute lette impedimente interrupcion or contradiction of me, myn heires or executors, to thuse and entent folowyng, that is to say that the saide John Kyngismylle, Henry, William, John Bonehm̃ and Robert suffre myn heire masle of my body having the maner of Bathampton Wely in the countie of Wiltes to have the use and occupacion of all the said goodes and cataillis within the said maner during his lief naturall. To that the same heir masle fynde sufficiant suerte to the said John Kyngismylle, Henry

William, John Bonehm̃ and Robert to leve the said goodes and cataillis or other of like value or the value of theym within the said maner to the said John Kyngismylle, Henry, William, John Bonehm̃ and Robert or to suche other persone or persones as the gifte of the saide goodis and cataillis shall by theim be made over, and that thenne after the decesse of the saide heire masle the same personnes suffre my next heire masle, thenne for the tyme being, so that he be of full age, to have the use and occupacion of the saide goodes and cataillis within the said maner during his lief naturall, so that he fynde like sufficiant suerte as is above rehersid. And so from heire masle to heire masle the said goodis and cataillis or other of like value or the value therof to remayne within the said maner undre like suerte maner and forme as is above specified, as long as it shall fortune any heir masle to be of my body comyng. Provided alle way that yf it fortune any 2 of the said John Kyngismylle, Henry, William, John or Robert to decesse, thenne the other 2 of theym so overlyving shall make a dede of gift to other suyr and sufficient personnes of the said goodes and cataillis to like use and intent as is above expressid. And so as oftyn as it shall fortune any of the said personnes to whom the gift shall be so made to decesse, 2 or 3 of theym overlyving to make like gifte to other and the same personnes to suffre myn heire masle to have the use and occupacion of the said goodes and cataillis fynding unto theym such sufficiaunt suerte and in like maner and forme as is above rehersid.

In witness wherof to this my present writing I have put my seale.

Yevin June 18th, xvth yere of the reigne of King Henry the VII. Proved at Lambeth, October 5th, 1502.

1500. WALTER BUKLOND.

[13 Blamyr.]

November 26th, 1500. Walter Buklond. To be buried in the church of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul of Shepton Malett. To the mother church of Wells 12*d.* To the four lights of the church of Shepton 4*s.* To the bells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the

building of the cross in the market-place[1] of the said parish £20. To my son Thomas £20. To my son Richard £20. To my daughter Alice £20. To John my elder son £5. To John my younger son £5. To my daughter Margery £5.

Residue: Agnes my wife.

Proved December 15th, 1501.

1501. JOHN COKUR.

[27 Blamyr.]

May 20th, 1501. John Cokur of Wellys. To be buried in the parish church of St. Cuthbert next the grave of Elizabeth lately my wife. To the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells a gold ring with a green stone. To the fabric of the church of St. Cuthbert a gold ring with a red stone. To each altar of the said parish church 12*d.* To the three chaplains who hear confessions in the same church during the season of Lent, to each of them 12*d.* To my curate for my tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To Sir Thomas Draper my curate 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Heyton all those lands and tenements, rents, services and reversions in Trowbridge and within the lordship of Trowbridge in co. Wilts. or elsewhere in the same county which I lately purchased of the same John to hold to the said John Heyton, his heirs and assigns for ever under this condition that he pay to my executors £50 which money I will that they divide equally between my daughters, Agnes and Anne, to their marriage and if it happen that they or either of them die before marriage then I will that the said money shall be equally divided between Robert Draper and John Draper sons of the said Elizabeth my wife: and if all die my executors to dispose the money remaining in their hands for the health of my soul and the soul of Elizabeth my wife, our parents and benefactors. I give to Agnes and Anne my daughters all my lands in co. Dorset, to have and to hold etc., and if they die unmarried then to Robert and John and if they die without children then to the dean and chapter of Wells and their successors under this condition that they provide *dietim imperpetuum missam cursatilem* in Wells cathedral to

[1] This beautiful cross exsts to the present day to bear witness ot the testator's generosity.

pray for my soul taking weekly from the rents 20*d.* I bequeath for the space of 6 years to the annuellars of the New College of Wells celebrating daily *missam pulsatilem* in the said cathedral taking weekly 4*d.* I bequeath for the space of 6 years to certain chaplains celebrating *missam matutinalem* in the church of St. Cuthbert taking weekly 4*d.* I bequeath to my two daughters Agnes and Anne to each of them a gold ring with my two best girdles which belonged to Elizabeth my wife. To Agnes my daughter one crosselace and after her decease it shall remain to Anne her sister. To my two sisters to each of them a gold ring at the disposition of my executors. To Sir John Foxe and Sir William Drewe to each of them a gold ring. To Welthian and Joan Haynes my servants to each a gold ring. To the said Welthian one matras with a complete bed suitable to her station with a broad girdle silver and gilt and one gown, one brass pot, one dish, six plates, six potengers, six saucers of pewter. To Joan Haynes a similar bequest. To Agnes and Anne and Robert and John, to each a feather bed with its appurtenances. To Joan Edwards widow a gold ring. To Joan Lewes my servant the value of 10*s.* To David my servant a horse with its appurtenances a gown and 20*s.* for his wages. To John Draper son of Richard Draper the whole term which I have in that tenement in which he now dwells. To Master Robert Doctor my best tablecloth of diaper with napkins of diaper. To Master Thomas Austill a small cross silver and gilt.

Residue: to John Foxe Vicar choral of the cathedral church of Wells and William Drewe one of the chaplains of the New College aforesaid (executors).

Overseer: Master Doctor Gilbert.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Draper, my curate, Sir John Foxe, Sir William Drewe, John Howell, Master Nicholas Draper.

There is no date of probate, but Reg. F. at Canterbury supplies the date, May 6th, 1503. But both will and act are struck through and there is a marginal note "vacat quia brigos'" "void because full of contention (*briga*)."

1501. WILLIAM KNOYELL.

[16 Blamyr.]

July 30th, 1501. William Knoyell. To be buried in the church of our blissid lady of Sampford Orgays in the chapell of St. Nicholas. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* Church of Oure lady of Sarum 3*s.* 4*d.* Church of Sampford Orkays 6*s.* 8*d.* Churches of Rympton, Merstin, Poyntyngton, Corton, Trent, Overcompton, Nethercompton, to everiche of them 3*s.* 4*d.*, and to Oborne 2*s.* To thabbote of Sherborne for the reparacion of his church 20*s.* To Peter abbot of the same, the tyme of my burying 10*s.* To the prior of the same 2*s.* and to every of the brethren, prests, 20*d.*, and to every junior being in the abite not being prest 12*d.* To the Abbot of Sherne [Cerne] and his brethren 20*s.* To the Abbas of Tarraunt and hir successors 20*s.* To the prior of Bruton and his brethren 20*s.* Sir Walter Wylton my chapelyn yerely during his lief £4 to be paid by the handys of myne executors and I geve him the chamber wherein he lieth nowe during his lief to pray for me and my frends. To every of the sonnes and daughters of John Portman, *i.e.*, to William, John, Antony, Leonard and Dorathie 20 sheep (each). I bequeath to my sonne Petyr Goddis blessing and mine, a saltsaler hoolie gilt, a standing pece gilt, a white pece called a fflat pece, a whyte pece called a rose pece and six sponys. All the apparell in the gueste chamber with the best bed and all the best stuf that longeth thereto complete also alle the stuf in the hall with bankers and qwyssins according, all the stuff of the Bruowce with all stuff that longeth to my kechin except I will that mine executors deliver to every of my daughters two brasyn potts a more and a lasse by ther discrecions and every of theym a panne. I bequeth to my son a hoole garnish of vessells and all the residue of my vessells to be equally departed betwyxt my two daughters. I will he have two joyned beddys for his servants with all the hoole apparell. Item, two hundred of shepe to be sold and the money to be kept to by him shepe whenne he shall come to his lawful age, yf it shall please God that he lyveth longe, and if it please God he to decesse or he come to full age that thenne all this that I have ordeyned and disposid for him shall be equally departed among his sisters

then being on live or any of them lyving, except the money that shall growe of the shepe which I will shall be disposed for his sowle and myne and his moders. I bequeth two of my best waynes, two plowis of oxen with alle the apparell that longith to my husbandry at Sampford and Goddis blessing and Alhalowen and myne and wele to encrece to his pleasure, Amen. To my sonne Portman and my daughter Alice a fflat pece gilt with a cover to the same my second best bed with all the stuff that shall longe therto, a C of good shepe, six oxen and oone half ther moders goods and wering gere, whiche is not yet disposid and Goddis blessing and Alhalowen and mine. To my daughter Dorathie my second flat pece coveryd and gilt and a stonding pece, chasid. Item, a C of shepe and six oxen and the other half of her moders goodis and wering gere which is not yet disposed, and Goddis blessing, etc. To my brother Mr. John Knoyell a litill standing pece gilt which I bought of late. I will that Peter Knoyell my sonne have my fferme at Shirborne with all my stuf, goods and cataillis after my will performed. I charge Peter upon my blissing to se a prest found fifty-one wynters with the revenues and profitts of my purchased lond which is in Portland and 53*s.* 4*d.* Item, to Herry Brayne 53*s.* 4*d.* in Loyn Canterton, in Bereford St. Martyn 20*s.*, in Sherborne 13*s.* 4*d.*, in Sarum 13*s.* 4*d.* of purchase, in Wyncanterton 6*s.* 8*d.*, in Brodemerston 6*s.* 8*d.* To Christopher my servant my bay hors sadill and bridill and my second best gowne. To William Popull a bay hors, sadill and bridill and a gowne, and his wagis yerely if he will tarry and do my sonne service. To William Bewsey 10*s.* to bye him a horse and to have the sadill and bridill that he occupieth. To Raynold Gyte a cowe and a heffer and one of my old gownys. Robert Dewdeney to have a long gowne. The residue of my servants to be rewarded by the discrecion of my executors and as for a Booke called Bocas[1] I woll that my sonne have hym during his lief and to leve him in the place for his heiris for evermore, and the book of Canterbury talys I will he be delivered to my cousyn William Carraunt for I had him of his grauntfader.

Residue: Mr. John Knoyell, William Carraunt, John

[1] Giovanni Boccaccio (1313–1375).

Fitziamys the elder and yonger, John Portman, Peter Knoyell, Sir John Bussh, clerk, (executors) to each 40*s.*

Overseer: Peter, Abbot of Shirborne.

Proved August 25th, 1502.

1501. THOMAS GRISE.

[3 Blamyr.]

September 8th, 1501. Thomas Grise. To be buried in the church of St. Andrew [Mells] before the cross. To the mother church 3*s.* 4*d.* To each of my godsons 4*d.* One pipe of wood to the church of Mellis.

Residue: Joan my wife.

Overseers: Thomas Hill, John Cowell.

Proved October 21st, 1501.

1501. JOHN HORT.

[13 Blamyr.]

October 1st, 1501. John Hort, senior, of Wryngton. To be buried in the parish church of Wryngton. To the mother church of Wells 4*d.*; to the high altar of Wryngton for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.*; to the high light there one bushel of corn; to the church of Wryngton 40*s.*; to the church of Botcombe, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to the church of Blacton 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Sir Thomas Gelyngham, my curate, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: William, my son. I will that the said William provide for the food and clothing of Isabel my wife and his mother, while she lives, and I make them my executors.

Overseer: William Gurney, to whom I give a pipe of woode.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Gelyngham, my curate, John Bacwyll, John Lawrans.

Proved at Lambeth, November 10th, 1501.

1501. ALICE CLAYTON.

[6 Blamyr.]

October 2nd, 1501. Alys Clayton, of the parysh of Kyngesbury in the county of Somerset, widowe. My body to be buried in the parissh church of Saint Martens of Kyngesbury aforesaid, within the chapell of Our Lady there in the said church. To my foresaid parissh church, 20*s.* To Sir Thomas Courte in money 9*li.* to thentent that he shulde say a trentall of Saint Gregory for me. To Alis Rowe, my child, 20*li.* to hir mariage yf that she live to that she be maried, and if she live not to that she be maried I will then that the said 20*li.* to be devided amonge her two brothers and hir suster, that is to say, John Rowe, Cristofer, and Agnes and if any of them decesse or they be maried then the said 20*li.* to be devided to them that then liveth. And if it so happ or fortune that they all decesse or they be maried then I will and bequeth the said 20*li.* to a certeyn preste to pray for theym and for me. To the said Alce my doughter my stonding cup and the cover and vj spones of siluer, my best girdill, my bedis of corall, a fetherbed with thappurtenances and the hanging of grene say that hangeth in my night chamber, a materas, ij couerlettes, ij pair of blankettes, ij pair of shetes, a fyne new shete, one of my best towells, one of my best tableclothes, a pair of gret shetes that hir name is market thereupon with blue threde, ij of my best smoks, ij of my best kercheffs of lowne, iiij of my best kercheffs of holande, viij nysettes, a bonet of velvet, ij pannes, my gret chaffer, ij crokes, ij plates, vj potengers, vj sawcers, one bason of laten with thewer, ij candelstickes, a broche with an aundire, one of my best forsetts of spruce, a table that stondith in the hall, a shep cofer also ij gownes, ij kertills. Also I will that these goodis bequest to Alis Rowe, if so be that it happen that she decesse or that she be maried, be devided amonge hir brothers and hir suster then over lyving as is aforesaid of the 20*li.* of money. Also I will that 20*li.* of money be devided among all the children of Margaret Wadham. Also, to the moder church of Wellis 12*d.*; to the vicare of Kyngesbury now being, 12*d.*; to every prest being at my buriall 4*d.*; to every clerke 2*d.* Also I will that 40*s.* be dealid and devided amonge powre people.

The residue of all my goods moevable and immoevable not bequethed, I geve and bequeth to Margaret Wadham, my doughter, whom I ordeyn and constitute my true and lawfull executrice, that she may dispose for the helth of my soule as she shall seme moost best.

In witness wherof, I have put unto my seale; these witnesses then being present, John Bale, John Huet, John Canygs and divers others.

Proved at Lambeth, February 7th, 1501.

1501. WILLIAM NEDYS.

[13 Blamyr.]

October 8th, 1501. William Nedys. To be buried in the church of St. Conggar; to the high awter 2*s.*; to the high light a busshell of whete; to the 3 smale lyghts a bushel and a half of barle; to St. Michell's chapell 2 hole clothes of white; to St. Conggar a heffer to fynde a light; to my doughter, Johane, 3 white clothes and a girdill that was her moders; to his (*sic*) brother a cloth and a stere.

Residue: Johane, my wife (executrix).

Proved November 19th, 1501.

1501. WILLIAM SWALOWE.

[13 Blamyr.]

October 27th, 1501. William Swalowe. To be buried in the chapel of St. Nicholas within the church of St. John Baptist of Glastonbury. To the high altar of the same church one ffrontale of welvett "*impressum*" with gilt images. To the altar of St. Mary one pair of vestments of green silk called Brugges [Bruges]. To the altar of St. Nicholas one pair of vestments of white chamlett. To the chapel of St. Benignus one pair of vestments of red say. To the church of Botteley one chalice of silver. To the church of St. John Baptist, Glastonbury, 4 torches. To the 4 lights of the same church 4*s.* To the causeways of Strete and Southway 3*s.* 4*d.* To the rector of the church of St. John for tithes forgotten, 13*s.* 4*d.* To Richard Davy a whole bed complete and one quarter of Ode [woad]

and 6 silver spoons and one maser and one goblet of silver and one whole piece of linen cloth of cressecloth. To my three servant girls 30 yards of cressecloth in equal portions, one whole piece of linen cloth of cressecloth to be distributed among poor persons where it seems most expedient. I will that a suitable priest celebrate for the health of my soul for the space of 2 years and that he receive for his stipend yearly 9 marcs.

Residue: Katerine Swalowe, my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Master John Hooke (to him 20*s.* and a silver goblet).

Witness: Sir Philip Momford, Thomas Stuvyn.

Proved November 24th, 1501.

1501. LADY JOAN GILBERT.

[14 Blamyr.]

November 6th, 1501. Lady Joan Gilbert, wife of John Gylbert, armiger. My body to be buried in sacred sepulture in the monastery of the B.M. at Quarr [Isle of Wight]. To the mother church of Wells 12*d.* To the Abbot of Quarr for his labour on the day of my burial and month's-mynd 6*s.* 8*d.* To all the other monks of the same place being priests 20*d.* and all the other "*conversi*" 8*d.* To the Abbot of Quarr 5 marcs of silver to celebrate for the space of 4 years on Wednesday in every week a mass of Requiem, provided always that the priest who celebrates it shall receive for his labour 4*d.* to be paid him by the hands of the Abbot. And also I will that the said Abbot keep an anniversary in the church of Quarre for the souls of John Gilbert, Joan his wife, and my parents annually during the said term, provided always that the said Abbot at that time divide between his brethren for their labour 6*s.* 8*d.* of the said sum. I will that my executors pay a priest 5 marcs to celebrate for my soul and my parents' souls where it pleases them. To the church of Corffton [Corton Dinham] to keep up all the lights there 6*s.* 8*d.* To the friars of Elvechester [Ilchester] to say one trental for my soul and my parents' souls 2*s.* 6*d.* To the light of the Holy Trinity of Sutton Mountague 2*s.* To the fraternity of Jhesu at Braeding 3*s.* 4*d.* To the light of the Holy Cross in the same church 3*s.* 4*d.* To the high

altar of Newchurch 6*s.* 8*d.* To Edmund Leweston 3 oxen with the plough and all things belonging, one entire bed with all things pertaining to one chamber, and 4 pair of sheets, one pot of brass, one dish and one mortar of brass and half a garnish of pewter, 2 table-cloths and six towels. To Joan my daughter one flower of gold and two girdles namely the best and the worst, my best gown of black colour, one kirtle of worsted. To Joan daughter of Thomas Gylbert six marcs of silver to have at the time of her mariage. To Elizabeth Walton my gown of black colour. To each of my godchildren 4*d.* I will that Robert my son and heir pay all my debts that ought justly to be paid, and that he fulfil all my bequests and gifts under pain of my maternal malediction.

Residue: Robert my son and Sir John Bowerman whom I make my executors.

Supervisor: Edmund Lewston.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Stone, Vicar of Newchurch, Lady Joan Bowreman and Edm. Lewston.

Proved April 27th, 1502.

[Widow of John Gilbert, whose will was proved in 1499. S.R.S., xvi, p. 376.]

1501. JOHN TOSE.

[18 Blamyr.]

February 21st, 1501. John Tose of Taunton, merchaunt, to be buried in the church of the holy apostles Peter and Paule in the priory of Taunton, in the north part of the said churche in the place joyned and annexed unto the Tombe where the bodies of my fadre Alexander Tose and my modre Jone Tose restith. To the said church a cope of blue velvet with my marke and syne made theron with this condicion that my fader's two tunicles shall bere his marke, if not my will is that the said blue cope be gyven to the church of St. Mighell of Honyton that my fader and my moder and my wif and all my children be there remembered and prayed for every Sonday by the yere. To the making of the Ambulatory before the sepulcre altar in the church of Mary Magdalene in Taunton 40 marks. To the said Ambulatory of the bequest of my fader 20 marcs which restith

in the hands of Robert Roper. The ffraternite of the high crosse service in Magd. church 6*s.* 8*d.* The fraternite of the sepulcre service in the same church 10*s.* To the sepulcre service my two tenements in the church erthe of Magdalen being in valour by yere 18*s.* so that 10*s.* of the said somme be distributed every year for an obit to be kept for the welth of the soules of Alexander Tose and Jone his wife, John Tose and Jone his wife with all their children, so that the Vycar reteyn for every obit 4*d.* every preest 2*d.*, every clerke 1*d.*, the two wardeyns that shal be for the tyme to each of them 4*d.*, the residue of the 10*s.* to be bestowed in ringing and breade to be given away to poor people. To the use and store of Jesus masse to be maintained in Magdalene Church 10*s.* I ordayne and make covenant with Master Thomas Saye to syng for the soules afore-rehersed in Magdalene Church the space of 7 yere receiving the 1st year £8 in syngyng of St. Gregories trigintall and for every of the 6 yeris following £6 so that 2 days in the weke of every of the 6 yeres he say *placebo dirige* and *commendacions* and the masse of requiem uppon the morrow. To the church of Mynchyn Buckland that I and my wife Joane may be there made Brother and Suster 20*s.* To the house of mynchyns of Canonlegh for the same intent 20*s.* To the place of ffrier myners of Bridgewater for the same intent 20*s.* To the place of ffriers of Ivelchester for the same 20*s.* To the place of Augustyn freris in Bristol for the same 20*s.* So that each of the Brethren of the said places the same day the mony is paid saye *placebo dirige* and *commendacions* and uppon the morrow a masse of requiem and they all among them together in generall in their owne places syng a solempne dirige with the masse of requiem uppon the morrow for the souls abovenamed. To the Church of St. James in Taunton 10*s.* To the fraternite of our lady service in the same church 10*s.* To the fraternite of our lady service in the church of Lyme 10*s.* To the reparacion of the cobbe in the same towne 10*s.* To the reparacion of the high waye extending from the spitall of St. Margaret in Taunton unto Blakeburgh bridge 40*s.* To the reparacion of the high waye from the est gate of Taunton unto Shordiche 40*s.* To the reparacion of the high waye extending from the spitall of St. Margaret unto Bathepole 40*s.* To the reparacion of the

high waye extending from Petherton unto Bridgewater 40*s.* To Alexander my son all the fee simple lands and chatell land that I have within the towne of Taunton and Westmonkton, £c in money and £c in money more to defend and kepe my true and very juste title in the said lands. To Nicholas my son all the finable lands that came by my fader Alexander Tose and John Combe and £c. To John my son 6 cotages wiche I bought of Robert Stoke and half Whyppyll myll which I bought of Richard Burton and £c. They not to enter on the lands during the life of Joane my wife. To Robert my sonne £c. To my daughters Isabell, Margery and Joane £40 each. To my children after the decease of my wife all my plate so that my sonnes have the best of it. My wife to dispose of gurdelles, beadis, and ryngs at her proper wyll. To Thomas Mefflyn and Agnes his wife 4 measures of wodde. I gyve and forgyve John Gifforde all such things as he is in daunger toward me. To Christiane my servant 40*s.* and she to be well apparelled.

Residue: Joane my wife (executrix).

Proved June 23rd, 1502.

1501. JOHN STURRAGE.

[8 Blamyr.]

February 27th, 1501. John Sturrage of Keynsham, in the diocese of Wells. To be buried in the church of the B.M. of Rading, Sarum diocese. I leave for my mortuary my best horse. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the church of the Holy Trinity of Keynsham one whole piece of cloth called a bristow cloth, viz., half to the fraternity and the other half to the reparacion of the said church. To each of my sons a whole pece of cloth.

Residue: Cecily my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Leech curate of the said church with three others, his neighbours there.

Proved April 27th, 1502.

1501. JOHN WADHAM, KNT.

[11 Blamyr.]

March 20th, 1501. John Wadham Knyght. My body to holy sepulture in the chapell of St. Kateryne in the Church of Illmyster in the tumbe in which William Wadham my grauntfer and Jone his wyff lyen. I will that there be disposed an C shillings to the chapell aforesaid and to make a chalice and the residue to the reparacion of the chapell aforesaid and an C shillings to the churche aforesaid and to the fraternite of the same. To the Church of Wells 40*s*. To the Church of Withlakington 40*s*. To the Church of Ilton 20*s*. whereof 10*s*. to go to the church and the other 10*s*. to the store of our Lady. The Abby of Athelney to have my gilte coope, the which was my cosayne John Warrs or ells the valiew of hym, at the election of my sone, to pray for the Warres and for me by name, as they be ordered in the said abbey. I will that my detts be well payed and content as it shall apeer by writing and the mowthis of the chalengers of itt taking betweene God and them discharging of my soule, and that it be content of my goodes excepte implements and stuff of howshold and my plate the which I will my sone Nicholas have at 2*s*. a unce yf he will, hooly with the manor of Merifild, except that I will my wyff have only the manor of Merifild a yere aftre my deth, and wheras my goodes will not streche to the contentacion therof, I will that it be levied of the manor of Slyverton[1] and Wadham the which I put itt in feoffment to the same extent the which feoffment restith in the hands of Sir John Speke, Knight. Also I will that my sone Nicholas have my manor of Alvyngton, Venicott, and Braden immediately after my decesse, except that I will that he suffre my feoffes and executors to receve on anuell rent of £20 to be levied of my manor of Braden aforsaid with a distres of non-payment the which £20 I will that it shall go to the exhibicion of my daughter Alianor in sum house of Religion of women with a woman to waite on her, and that the house be devised by the discrecion of my feoffars and exors. I will that the will of my cosayne Jone Warre be fulfilled as it apperith upon her testament the which

[1] Silverton, co. Devon.

resteth at Merifild in the parlor. Also I will that my nece Isabell Fauentleroy have £20 in money towarde her mariage for her goode service don in tymys paste. I will that my Emōns [yeomen] have her hole wages a yer after my decesse unless then they can gett them service in the mene season. I will that Sir John Wadham my cosayne have £20 in money to singe for me by the space of two yeres and to pray for me as long after as hitt please hym. Wheras the vicar of Milverton oweth me £20 of the which I recevid a portuouse in prise of 10 marks I wolle that the said portuouse be evin to the chauntre of Ilmyster ther to be chayned in the yelde of St. Kateryne with other stuffe of howsholde that restith in the said chauntrye for to pray for us and the names her folowing to be prayed for, that is to say, Richard Warre, Jone and Margery her modre, John Wadham knt., and Isabell Elizabeth and Isabell his wyffis. Also I wolle that the other 20 markes be recovered of the said vicary, and yf he will not deliver itt by his free will I will that it be recovered by the wey of accion, whereof I will that 40*s.* be geven to the Abbott of Atthelney to holde an obite for us, also to the prioras and covente of Buklonde 40*s.* also to the prior and covent of Taunton 40*s.* to holde an obite for us. Also wheras the house of Wilton hath had gret injurye and wronge for non-payment of 25*s.* and ode money going out of the manor of Alvyngton. I will that they have a tune of wyne in recompense of the injurye done by me and 40*s.* to hold an obite for me as sone as they have knowledge of my deth. Also I will that there be levyed of my lands in feoffment so moche money as will paye for glasynge of a paene of new werke in Mowntegew and they to hold an obite for me after my decesse, and I and my wyff and children to be putt in ther fraternite. I will that the freres of Briggewater have 40*s.* to hold an obet for me and that Doctor Wollffe have 10*s.* a quarter till he be full content of 40*s.* wherof he is content of 20*s.* Also I will that the ffreres of Ilchester have 6*s.* 8*d.* Also I will that my wiff's detts be payed of the manor of Hardington or ellse of my lands put in feoffees hands to performe and content my will and detts, yf any interruption be made to the said manor of Hardington. I will that Edith my wyffes woman have 40*s.* I will that the vicary of Whytelakyngton have 13*s.* 4*d.* to the parson of Enmer 10*s.* To Sir Philippe 6*s.* 8*d.*

The vicary of Ilton 20*s*. My exors to redeme a color of golde that was my wyffs the which lieth with Umfray Walkron and that my doughter Alianor have hym. Also I will that she have hym that lyeth at plegge with John Herion for 20*s*. I will that my doughter Newborow have a bye[1] that my wyffe hath the which was my furste wyffes. I will that myn exors cause sum honest man to go for me on pilgrimage to St. Jamys, to Haills, to Master John Schornen, to Walsingham, to Canterburye, to the roode of Northdore at Pawlis, to our lady of pewe,[2] to king Harrye, to our lady of Bowe, to Saint Brownewill, to Bysshope Lacy[3] and he to have for his labours beside his costs 40*s*. and so moche more to be geven to preests and power men in almys as my selffe should have spent doing the said pilgrimage. I will my cosayne Sir John Wadham have the bedde that is in the chambre that he lyeth in. And this my will to be well and trewly performed and don. I ordayne and constitute Sir John Speke, knt., Master William Summaster, clerke, Master John Tayler, clerke, and John Wadham, clerke, to be myn exors, every of them to have for his labor 40*s*. a yer unto the tyme my will be content and performyd.

In witness whereof I sett myn signe manuell.

Proved at Lamehithe, July 1st, 1502.

1502. RICHARD BEST.

[11 Blamyr.]

April 16th, 1502. Richard Best of Taunton. My body to the holy grave and sepulture of Peter and Poule in the priory of Taunton, ther to rest in the yelde of Saint Botulphe by my father and mother. Unto my lord Prior of Taunton for offerings and tethings forgotten and lafte behynde 40*s*. Master Nicholas Dissum, vicar of Maudelen, to pray for me, 6*s*. 8*d*. Sir John Rexbone, preest, to pray for me, 3*s*. 4*d*. To the high aulter of Magdalene church a seute of aulter clothes of whyte

[1] Bee, a ring or torque of metal, usually meant for the arm or neck; but in one case at least used of a finger-ring. (N.E.D.)

[2] 1483. I will that my heart be carried to our Lady of Pue, adjoining to St. Stephen's College at Westminster, *Test. Vet.*, p. 380.

[3] On April 18th, 1417. Edmund Lacy was consecrated Bishop of Hereford; he became Bishop of Exeter in 1420 and died September 18th, 1455.

damaske to the honor and worship of Allmyghty God in the principal fests of the yere. To the makyng of the pynacles of Magdalen Church to wyre 40*s.* To the service of the high crosse 20*s.* To the service of the sepulture ther 20*s.* I will that immediately after my deth an honest and a well disposed preest to sing for my soule in the said churche of Mawdelen by the space of 3 yere that is to say that he shall sing during the space of the sed yeres every yere Saint Gregories trentall with all observaunce according to the same. I will that myn executor dele and distribute the day of my buring to pouer people moost nedeful 40*s.* in money in halfpenny (*ob.*) dole and in the day of my monithis mynde in (*ob.*) dole. I will that in the sed day of my buring and the obsequence of the hole herse of the sepulture with all the lights therto belonging branne abowte my body deuring the season of service and massis and also in the day of my moneth mynde according paying to the service therfor 10*s.* I will that my lorde Prior have (he being at dirige and masse) 3*s.* 4*d.*; the supprior 20*d.*; and every chanon 12*d.*; every novice 8*d.*; Master Vicar of Mawdelen 12*d.*; to every priest of the said church 4*d.*; to every clerke 2*d.* I will that 4 pouer men have 4 blake gownys having in ther hands 4 torchis of waxe abowte my body in the tyme of dirige and massis and every of them to have 2*d.* in money. I will that immediately aftre, my burgage which I dwell in with the appurtenances that I bought of Mawde Dowling being executrice unto Water Dowlyng be delivered in fee forever unto the prior of Taunton for evermore after the discrecion of my feoffees to this intent: the prior and covente of the same place and ther successors for evermore shall fynde whilis the world stondith in the said priory a Rennyng[1] masse ther to be said praying for me and my wyffe, my father, my mother and all our children and Christian soulys bidyng the mercy of Allmyghty Gode, according to the composition and ordenance of Water Dowlyng ther founde who is soule God take merci and that sufficiunt Sowrties be founde ther of bytwene the said place and my feoffors and other frendes of my councelle and yf the said prior and covent will not therto agre that then I will the

[1] S.R.S., xvi, pp. 1, 300(n).

said burgage remain to some other monastery of vertuouse disposition after the discretion of my feoffars and oversears provided alway the seid masse to be kept for evermore and if it please Jone, my wyff, to geve them money as Mawde Dowlyng dide she to kepe the seid burgage to hir and to hir assignes for evermore, and that it be sold to none other till she forsake it. To John, my son, 4 packs of clothe, 2 of Brigewaters and 2 of Tauntons, the said John to have after the decesse of Jone, my wyff, my myllys called Birgyn myllys; to the said John my arable londe with the 3 Racks at Hurtill diche; also after the decesse of my wife 5 acres of arable grownde in wone close, an akre and a quarter of grownde arable late of Harre Togwells with 2 acres of medowe lying in ple medowes. I geve to the making of the cawsey and mending of the wey unto flode brige 20*s.*

Residue: Jone, my wyff (sole executrix).

Overseer: Lawrens Adam (to whom 10 marks, or else a packe of Briggewaters).

In witness wherof I have setto my seall and Thomas Clerke, writer of this my wille, has setto his seal.

Proved at Lambeth, July 6th, 1502.

1502. ROBERT LENDEGE.

[22 Blamyr.]

April 18th, 1502. Robert Lendege of Kingston Semey. My body to be buried in the church of All Saints of Kingston Semey. To the cathedral church of Wells 6*d.*; to Joan, my daughter, one cow; to Jane, my daughter, one cow and a calf.

Residue: Edmund Lendege, my heir, whom I make my executor.

Overseer: Richard Shetill, of Prykwok.[1]

Proved April 3rd, 1503.

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[1] In Norton Hautcville (see Wood's *Chew Magna*, pp. 67, 68, 72, 77).

1502. ROBERT PARNELL.

[9 Blamyr.]

May 24th, 1502. Robert Parnell, of Arundell, yoman. To be buried in parish churchyarde of Bedington [Beckington] in the co. of Somerset. To the same church for my buryng ther *6s. 8d.* Cathedral church of Wellys *8d.* To my gostly fader parish prest of the same church of Bekington to pray for my soule, *3s. 4d.* Parishe clerk of the same church *4d.* To the almeshouse of Bekington for the sustentation of the almes folks ther a blankett, a coverlight there to abide as long as it will indure.

Residue: John Parnell, my broder (executor).

Witnesses: Robert More, of Bekington, George Carpinter, of the same.

Proved June 4, 1502.

1502. WILLIAM CARPENTER.

[11 Blamyr.]

June 10th, 1502. William Carpenter, of Rode. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the church of St. Peter of Stowrton. To the cathedral church of Wells *6d.* To the rector of Stowrton for tithes forgotten *20d.* To the fabric of the church of S. *26s. 8d.* To William Sheppehurd my nephew, *20s.* To the light of the Holy Trinity of S. one cow.

Residue: Joan, my wife, and Sir Robert Eliott, rector of Stowrton.

Supervisor: Richard Come.

Witnesses: Alexander Gylis, rector of Culmyngton, and John Brabyn, of Stourton.

Proved at Lamehithe, October 24th, 1502.

1502. EDWARD GOLDESTON.

[12 Blamyr.]

July 17th, 1502. Edward Goldeston, of Tawnton. To be buried in Christ Church of Twynham. To the church of St. Michael in Southampton *10s.*; to the church of St. Mary

Magdalene, of Tawnton 6*s.* 8*d.*, and one long gown furred "violett" colour; to Agnes, my wife, £4 sterling and all her own goods which she brought to me or their value. To Sir William Clerke and Sir Thomas Baily 5*s.*; to John Griffith one long gown of violett colour and one piece of cloth of Briggewater of the same colour. To Sir John Goldeston, canon, my kinsman, two silver cups and one *salarium* anglice, "a salteselar" and one piece of cloth of Briggewater of violett colour. To Christ Church of Twynham 1,000 lb. of copper and 250 lb. "de la Batreware."[1]

Residue: to John Goldston, my father; to John, William, Agnes, Joan, and the child with which my wife is pregnant, in equal portions.

Executor: William Bolday, of Tawnton, to whom 10*s.*

Witnesses: Sir William Clerke, parochial chaplain, Sir Thomas Baily, Richard Langton, parish clerk, James Harrison and John Griffith.

Mem.: that William Barnard *alias* Gylliam Sherman, of Southampton, owes me £7. Brankyn de le Westhalle, lombard, owes me 7 nobles. John Saunders, of Briggewater, merchant, owes me 40*s.*

Witness: Sir Thomas Baily, my spiritual father. I have signed with my own hand and have affixed my seal.

Proved at Lambeth, August 26th, 1502.

1502. GEORGE DOVELL.

[21 Blamyr.]

August 2nd, 1502. George Dovell. To be buried wherever it please God. "*Ecclesie Cath. baten et Wellen*," 4*d.* To my parish church of Wynhed [Minehead] 6*s.* 8*d.*; to each light in the same 2*d.*; to the store of the port there 5*s.*; to the chapel there 12*d.*; a third part of my goods to my children.

Residue: Alice, my wife (executrice).

Overseers: John Wattis and Mychael Franke.

Proved December 16th, 1502.

[*Donell* in official Index, but *Dovell* or *Doble* is a well-known name in Minehead.]

[1] Vessels not riveted together but hammered or *battered* into union as tea-kettles, &c. (Wright) see also N.E.D. *sub* Battery.

1502. JOHN GORNEY.

[22 Blamyr.]

August 21st, 1502. John Gorney. My body to be buried in the parish church of Wryngton. Mother church of Wells, 4*d.* To the high altar for my tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the high light 12*d.*; to the lights of B.M. and St. Nicholas 8*d.* To Joan and Agnes my daughters, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* (each).

Residue: to Isabel, my wife.

Supervisors: Richard Gorney and John Wyllott.

Witnesses: William Hardyng, Sir Thomas Gelingham, my curate, and William Gurney.

Proved March 28th, 1503.

1502. RICHARD DAMPYR.

[16 Blamyr.]

St. Giles [September 1st] 1502. Richard Dampyr vicar of Combe St. Nicholas. To be buried in the churchyard of the church of Combe St. Nicholas. To the church of Wells, 12*d.* To the church of Combe, 20*s.* To the church of Severby *alias* Serby near Castre [Caistor] and 18 miles from Lincoln where I was born 20*s.* To Lincoln College in Oxon 20*s.*, and *Hugh de Vilien super Sapirtialia* in parchment with two books in paper "*de Tabulis diversorum Librorum.*"[1] To the church of Combe my best covering of a bed for Easter. I will that my books be given to devout men to pray for me and that they be not sold, except only "*Biblia*" which I wish to be sold. Item that the church of Serby have "*Parisiens de viciis et virtutibus.*"

Residue: Master Christopher Chatur, Vicar of Meyr, Master Simon Denham, and Master Simon Foderby, Doctors in Theology (executors).

[1] With regard to the books mentioned in this will, the Rev. Andrew Clark, formerly Fellow of Lincoln College, kindly writes:

"The Tabulae I take to be a student's Epitome, possibly made by Dampyr himself of some standard theological works; a very interesting notice of such a practice will be found in Wood's *Athenæ*, notice of Robert Bolton (*ob.* 1631). There is a printed book, '*Summa in virtutes cardinales et vitia illis contraria*,' Paris, 1480, fol." I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Clark for this valuable information.

Overseers: Sir Philip Chalkoc and Master William Cort, and I will that each of these choose 2 books whichever they please.

And each of the three executors to have "*Regale*[1] *unum preter sumptum et expressum.*"

Witnesses: Sir John Chalcok and Sir John Hancok, priests, Henry Boner, "generosus."

I will that Will Coort and Sir John Chalkott be supervisors of my goods.

Proved November 4th, 1502.

[The testator was Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, in 1479. On July 1st, 1485, he was instituted Vicar of Combe St. Nicholas, when he is described as "A.M."

1510, August 16th, Christopher Chaters, A.M. inst. R. of Rimpton.

1473, March 12th, William Coorte inst. Vicar of Stoke sub Hamdon.

Serby is now spelt Searby.]

1502. JOHN VOWELL.

[10 Blamyr.]

September 6th, 1502. I, John Vowell, doctor of lawe, hole of mynde, make my testament in this maner ffurst I bequeth my soule to Allmyghty God and my body to be buried in holy sepulture in the cathedral church of St. Andrewes of Wellys. Item I bequeth to the warks of the body of the same church, 6*s.* 8*d.*

The residue of all my goods to my exors that they dispose them for the welthe of my soule and I ordeyne this myne executor Lorde Thomas bisshop of [Tenos][2] residenciary of the same church, Raffe Gardiner, John Clausey, vicar of the same church and William Draper of London, this doon September 6th, 1502.

Proved November 14th, 1502.

[Testator who was LL.D. and canon res. of Wells, was instituted Vicar of Cheddar June 9th, 1487, and held the living till his death. On November 13th, 1494, he was instituted to Kilton, and at the time of his death was also possessed of the rectory of Lydeard St. Lawrence. *Somerset Incumbents*, 53, 385, 395.]

[1] A royal, a gold coin worth 15*s.* Henry VII. minted these coins.

[2] Thomas Cornish, Tinensis Episcopus, Suffragan of Wells, 1486–1513.

1502. RICHARD ADAMS.

[20 Blamyr.]

September 10th, 1502. Richard Adams, of Tanton, sepulture in the church of Tanton. To my lord prior for my thythys forgoten 30*s.*; to the place for to be made brother 6*s.* 8*d.*; to my lord prior for his labor to cum to my derige and masse 3*s.* 4*d.*; to the parish prest 12*d.*; to every other prest ther being at my derige and masse 8*d.*; to the edifieing of the towr of Maudelon church 26*s.* 8*d.*; to the sepultur servis and the high crosse (each) 6*s.* 8*d.* To our lady servis of St. Jamis a pece of lokyram and so much of velvet to make another cloth ther. To my mother an oxe. To my brother maister Jamis 20*s.* My sister Anne an oxe. Agnes my doughter £20. Johane my doughter £20. I ordeyn that I have a prest immediately after my decesse to sing for me, my fader, my moder, and all our frynds by the space of 3 eries, the furst yere a trentall and 2 yre following for £12. To the making of Tonbrig a pece of lokeram cloth, Thomas Clerke 12*d.*; to the owt clerk 6*d.*

Residue: Margaret my wif (executrix).

Overseers: Lawrens Adams, William Bolday; Lawrens Adams taking for his labor a pece of cloth and an oxe, and William Bolday my bay horse.

Witnesses: Richard Wannam, clerk, Thomas Welshot *literatus.*

Proved at Lamehithe, December 2nd, 1502.

1502. JOHN WOODE.

[18 Blamyr.]

September 11th, 1502. Sir John Woode, rector of the parish church of St. Mary next the north [gate] of the city of Bath. To be buried in the chancel of the said church; to the mother church of Wells, 4*d.* I ordain William Woode, my brother, to be my executor that he may best dispose for the health of my soul in testimony of which, etc.

Proved February 8th, 1502.

[Testator may have been a monk of Bath Priory, for he is described as "Dompnus Joh. Woode."]

1502. WILLIAM BALAM.

[11 BLAMYR.]

October 2nd, 1502. William Balam of Ilbrewer in the co. of Somerset. To be buried in the church of Ilbrewer ther before the crosse. To the cathedral church of Wellis 12*d.* To the church of Ilbrewer 40*s.* (the which restith in the hands of Sir Thomas Proward) and a cowe. The church of Saint Jones of Briggewater 39*s.* 4*d.* To Isabel my doughter £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Edith my doughter 40*s.* To John my son 40*s.* To the high awter of Ilbrewer 3*s.* 4*d.* To the brotherhed of Ilmester a cowe. William my son to have all such promises as I promised hym at the day of his mariage.

Residue: to my wyffe Jone, she to dispose for my soule, and I make her sole executrix, and I make Alexander my son supervisor.

Witnesses: Sir William Martyn, clerke, William Balam, my son, Thomas Mostron, Richard Heliar with many others.

Proved at "Lamehithe," November 15th, 1502.

1502. RICHARD HOWCHINS.

[20 BLAMYR.]

1502. Richard Howchins, to be buried in the churchyard of St. John Evan. of Milborne Porte. To the fraternity of St. John Evan. aforesaid 6*d.* One cow to sustain the lights of B.M. and St. Leonard after the decease of Agnes my wife. Cathedral church of Wells 6*d.* Agnes my doughter 20 ewes. Robart son of my wife one calf. William his son one calf. Marie his daughter one calf.

Residue: Agnes my wife (executrix).

Supervisor: John Silcoke brother of my wife.

Witnesses: Richard Bradwey,[1] rural dean (*plebano*) of the said Church of Milborne, William Howper, Thomas Harvy.

Proved October 15th, 1502.

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[1] 1500, Jan. 20, Richard Broadway, instituted Rector of Abbas Combe, *Somerset Incumbents*, 2.

1502. THOMAS PEMBROKE.

[2 HOLGRAVE.]

December 23rd, 1502. Thomas Pembroke.

My body to the next holy church buriall wher as my body and soule shall departe. To the high awter of the parisshe church in Briggewater 2*s.*, and to every awter in the same church beside, 12*d.* To the grey freers 10*s.* to pray for my soule. I make Richard Pembroke my sone hole executour of all my goodes moevable and immoevable and to pray for my soule. And also I make Richard Skellton and Thomas Hooper overseers and rewlers of all my goodes till my said sone be 20 yere of age, and rewlers of my sone also. And they to take for their labor every of theym 40*s.* And if my sone departe owte of this world within age that then Richard Skelton and Thomas Hooper to fynde a preest to syng and pray for my soule with my goods as long as they will indure, aftir 9 mr̃ke every yere, for me my wif and all my childern. Also to these bequests above written I have geve and bequest to Mag. Robert Michell vicar of Briggewater my best gowne to pray for me. Also I will the yere after my decesse a preest to synge and pray for my soule and for my wiff and our children with all our frends soules to besech Almighty God to have mercy, Amen.

Proved at Lambeth, February 7th, 1503.

1502. JOHN PYKMAN.

[22 BLAMYR.]

February 6th, 1502. John Pykman, clerk, B. and W. diocese. My body to ecclesiastical burial. I will that Master Thomas Harrys cause my body to be buried and that he have the disposition of my goods and I make him my executor.

Witnesses: William Rogers, Thomas Olyver, Elizabeth Brynkley, Alice Butler, Joan Hart, and others.

Proved, March 15th, 1502.

[Axbridge: 1499, September 2nd, John Lugwardin per dismiss. John Pykman.

Minehead: 1500, June 5th, John Pykman instituted.

1502, March 18th, T. Beaumont per mort. J.P. *Somerset Incumbents*, 11, 400.]

1502. ROBERT PEMBERTON.

[38 HOLGRAVE.]

February 13th, 1502. Robert Pemberton, clerk, one of the Fellows of the New College "in le mountre lane" in the city of Wells. My body to be buried in the eastern *panella* of the cloister of the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, before the image of the Holy Rood there, or as near the said image as may be convenient. To the fabric of the said cathedral church 3*s.* 4*d.* To the prior and brethren of the Carthusian House of Witham 6*s.* 8*d.* To the fabric of the church of St. Martin of Brastid in Kent 20*s.* To the fabric of the church of Stretly in Berks 6*s.* 8*d.* To the fabric of the church of Wegan in Lancs. 40*s.* To Helen my sister, one cup gilt with bagpippys in the foot of the cup. To Joan daughter of the said Helen, one cup gilt with a cover with crowns, weighing 20 ounces. To Alice daughter of the said Helen, one silver salt-celar partly gilt with cover, weighing 17 ounces. To Edmund Barowe son of the said Helen 12 silver spoons "the endes cutt" weighing 18 ounces. To Robert Pemberton, Knight of Rhodes, my cousin, six bollys with a cover, weighing 116 ounces, also 12 spoons with "wodhowsis[1] on the endys," weighing 13 ounces. To Mathew my cousin, one cup with cover, partly gilt, weighing 25½ ounces. To Roland my cousin, one cup with cover, partly gilt, weighing 21½ ounces, and one silver salt-cellar partly gilt, weighing 6 ounces. To each of the two daughters of Elizabeth my sister £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Doddyng son of John Doddyng 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Skytt son of David Skytt 6*s.* 8*d.* To Katherine Pemberton lately wife of Hugh Pemberton, one cup with cover gilt with three "bocatts"[2] in the bottom weighing 35½ ounces, and a delay[3] for wine silver gilt weighing 12 ounces. To a

[1] Satyr, faun or wood-elf, see *Prompt. Parv. sub* "wodewese." *Test. Ebor.* (Surtees Soc.), iv, 98. Kerry's St. Laurence, Reading, 170. The usual form is *wodwis*, but the form here is specially interesting as giving the origin of the name Woodhouse (*Prompt. Parv.*).

[2] The arms of Pemberton, of Pemberton, co. Lancs., are, "Ar. a chevron vert between 3 buckets sa. hoops and handles or."

[3] Evidently a vessel for mixing wine; the noun is not in the N.E.D., but the verb *to delay* is there given, with the meaning "to weaken by admixture (as wine with water)" and the earliest instance, "1543, His wyne must be claret delaied."

suitable priest to celebrate for me, my father and mother and all my benefactors and all the faithful dead for three years in the church of Wagan in co. Lancaster, and the said priest to be sworn to say requiems daily for me and the aforesaid souls. I will that the said priest have for his stipend 100*s.* per annum, for bread, wine and wax 6*s.* 8*d.* and so from year to year until the said sum be expended.

Residue: Katherine Pemberton and Robert Pemberton, Knt., whom I make my executors.

Witnesses: Master Thomas Goldewege, priest, notary public, William Drewe, Richard Coke priest, and many others.

Proved at Lambeth, October 25th, 1505.

1503. JOHN FOX.

[29 Blamyr.]

April 13th, 1503. John Fox, senior, to be buried at the entrance of the cloister of the house of the B.M. of Wytham in Selwode, of the Carthusian Order. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the principal Carthusian House in France 6*s.* 8*d.* To the house of Wytham 40*s.* with a silver goblet. To the church of Frary 13*s.* 4*d.* if it be possible, otherwise 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Estharptre 13*s.* 4*d.* and one ton of lead. To Davie Draby my second best gown. To Cristina wife of my son Robert my gown of blue colour. To the servants of the house of Whitham 14*s.* To John Pote 10*s.* To William Palmer my gown of Russet.

Residue: David Driby, Thomas Fox and Robert Fox my sons and I make them executors.

Witnesses: Sir Philipp my curate, "Dompnus Matheus Dogode," John Dogode, William Byrde.

Proved July 5th, 1503.

1503. JOHN DRYVER.

[34 Holder.]

April 25th, 1503. John Dryver of Taunton. My bodie to be buried in the churche erthe of the Priory of Taunton, where it shall please the wardens to laye it. I will that in convenient tyme and as sone as it maye be, that all my detts that I owe of

right be content and paide. To the churche of Seynt Mary Magdelyn 5*s.* To the Prior for offeryngs forgotten 5*s.* And so I make and ordẽn my wyff to be myn executor, and William Boldery oversear, and she to dispose for my soule as it pleaseth her, and dispose for my goodes that I lefte and my detts paide, to my children, to her pleasor.

Yeven the dey aboveseid.

Proved at Lambeth, July 31st, 1517.

1503. ROGER HOLBROKE.

[29 Blamyr.]

May 8th, 1503. Roger Holbroke of Chewe, to be buried in the church of St. Andrew of Chewe. To the mother church of St. Andrew of Wells 4*d.* To the church of St. Andrew of Chewe 6*s.* 8*d.* To the chapel of the B.M. there 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Chilton of Camerton 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Rugge of Midsomer Norton 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Agnes my wife, John Storowe and Thomas Holbroke my son (executors).

Witnesses: Sir Henry Haywarding, priest, Robert Acford, Roger Bully, and John Hayward.

Proved October 26th, 1503.

1503. JOHN NETHEWAY.

[29 Blamyr.]

August 4th, 1503. John Netheway of Taunton, to be buried in the holy grave and sepulture of the Priory of Taunton there to rest nygh my wif on whose soule God have mercy. Cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the newe towre making of Magdeleyn Church 10*s.* To the Sepulture service and the high crosse in Magdeleyn 3*s.* 4*d.* To the service of our lady in the church of St. James to take me as a broder there 6*s.* 8*d.* To my sonne William Netheway £3. I will that my executrice make a newe crosse of tree performed with stone in the foote, set and wrought in the churchyard of Mary Magdeleyn nygh the procession wey.

Residue: Agnes my wife executrice.

Overseer: William my son.

Witnesses: Master Hugh Thomas, Vicar of Magdeleyn, William Cowper, John Magott, William Culverwell.

Proved October 23rd, 1503.

1503. JOHN RETFORD.

[25 Blamyr.]

September 1st, 1503. Maister John Retford. To be buried in the church of our lady of Wedmore.[1] I bequeth £20 to Wedmore church to fynd a preest in the same church syngyng three yers for me my fader and moder and for John Tolle. To the same church of Wedmore 40*s.* to the making of a new bell. To Baunton church 10 marcs to find a prest in the same church syngyng a hoole yere for me and my frends aforesaid. To the said church of Baunton to reparacion of the same 20*s.* To the house of St. Michaell at Cambridge 10 marcs. To the church of Alforth a chalice price of £7. William Hardely and to his wiff £20. Robert Rygnadyn my servant £20. John Algate ys yerely of rent and 40*s.* To St. Gonthals chapell my masse book. Sir John Castell my parish preest my best gowne and book *alias* the Chatholicon. Every of my god-children 12*d.* Master Roger a lyned gowne.

Executor: Master John Heyrie, to whom 20 marcs.

Residue: my servants aforesaid.

Witnesses: Sir John Castell, Lewse Gyst, John Dane, John Salwey, John Sye, William Hardley, Robert Rygmaden.

Proved September 11th, 1503.

[1492, November 18th, John Retford S.T.B. inst. Vicar of Wedmore, *Somerset Incumbents*, 206.]

1503. THOMAS APPOWELL.

[26 Blamyr.]

September 4th, 1503. Thomas Appowell of the parish of Seynt Cuthbert of Wells. To be buried afore the image of St. Jamys in the parish church aforesaid. Moder church of St. Andrew 12*d.* To the high awter of St. Cuthbert's for tithes of

[1] Wodmore in MS.

oblacions forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To the reparacion of the same auter 3*s.* 4*d.* Reparacion of the same church 3*s.* 4*d.* To every auter of the same church 4*d.* Almeshouse of Wells 12*d.* Richard my sone when that he come to the yeres of discrecion 10 marks and a pippe of woode. Sir Robert Cartar my gostly fader to pray for my soule 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Julian my wif (executrice).

Overseer: Master Thomas Chew to whom 40*s.*

I have sealed this with my seal. Present, Sir Robert Carter, John Walschott, William Somaister.

Proved October 5th, 1503.

OLIVER KING, BISHOP.

[31 Blamyr.]

Hec est Victoria que vincit mundum fides nostra prima canonica Johannis capitulo quinto: hac igitur sacratissima fide ex gratia dei stabilitus et in honore summe et individue trinitatis Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, beatissime virginis Marie matris Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, apostolorumque eius Petri et Pauli ac piissimi Andree omniumque sanctorum Ego Oliverus permissione divina Bathon. et Wellen. Episcopus condo testamentum meum in hunc modum Inprimis et ante omnia quam devotissime potero, do et commendo animam meam in manus omnipotentis dei Patris Filii et Spiritus Sancti corpusque meum sub spe ut in die resurrectionis cum domino glorietur sepeliendum in choro novo ecclesie Bathon. iuxta archam primam partis borealis proximam altari summo. Deinde ut ante alia vera atque perfecta fiat persolucio omnium debitorum meorum sub forma que sequitur. Primo custodi sive gardiano novi Collegii B.M. Winton diocesis in Oxon xxxiij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.* Magistro Roberto Shirborne xx*li.* et quia non omnes huius testamenti latinam linguam intelligunt ideo reliquam partem eiusdem vulgatam perscribere decrevi.

First for the manner of my burying my mynde ys that no grete pompe be made in my funerall neither abowte my herse. Item, no gentilman nor astate to have of my livary at that tyme but suche as ben in my service or fee. Item, that a dyner and

repast be made for the poore and not for the riche ffor my remuneracion ys not in the place that I goo fro but as my hope ys in that place whiche I goo to and therfor I committe this mater to the discrecion of my executors, whom I make and ordeyne at this tyme, thes, ffirst my suster Elizabeth Cousyn, Maister William Cousyn, dean of Wells, Mr. Thomas Cornyssh, bisshop of Tynens and chaunter of Wells, Mr. Thomas Bewmount, archedeaken of Wells and Thomas Grene. For my bequests I geve first to the church of Bath my crucifix of silver and gilte, an ymage of Petir and another of Paule of silver and gilt, ij litell basons silver and gilt, ij the best candelstikks, an holy water pott as myn executors shall think best. Item, I will that every monke of my seid monastery of Bath shall have for keping of my dirige and masse fro the tyme of my burying to the xxx*th* day vj*s*. viij*d*. Item, to my cathedrall church of Wells I gyve an bequeth an ymage of Seynt Andrew of silver and gilte, ij the secunde of my best candelstikks, ij my best crewaites and an holywater stokke. Item, to my lady Philipott and to Mary Pawlet the wif of John Pawlett to have a bason and an ewer of silver, ij small potts silver and gilte with a standing cuppe of silver and gilte as it may be spared. Item, I will that John Cuddington have his obligacion of xxv marcs and to the said John Cuddington for hym and his sone, my godson, a bason and an ewer of silver apece or a cuppe and a litell pott of silver gilte as it shall be thought best by the discrecion of my executors. Item, I will that John Wardeford have his hole wages and xx*li*. above. Item, Robert Harrys to have his hole wages and xx*li*. above. Item, Richard Broke his hole wages and x marcs above. Item, Richard Barbor his hole wages and x marcs above. I will that Henry Morisby yeman of my horses has his full wages and c*s*. above, every other gentilman my manuell servant in daiely service to have ther full wages and x marcs above, Every other yoman to have his full wages and as muche above as his full wages draweth to. The gromys and the pages eche of them likewise to have ther full wages and as moche above as the wages cometh to.

Residue: to myn executors, they to dispose them for the helth of my soule as they shall think best.

Witnesses: Mr. Hugo Ynge, doctor, John Skuse gentilman,

Edwarde Walgrove, William Mawnsell, John Cleybroke, John Gatton, Richard Ruynon and other.

Probatum coram venerabili viro Magistro Rogero Church decret. doct. prerog. eccl. Cant. sede Arch. vacan. commiss.[1] 24th October, 1503.

[Bishop King was not buried at Bath, probably because the Priory Church was undergoing restoration. He was almost certainly buried at Windsor. The following inscription runs along the bottom of four large panels of oak containing the figures, painted on them at full length, of Prince Edward, Edw. IV., Edw. V. and Henry VII. "Orate pro Domino Olivero King Juris utriusque Professore ac illustris Edvardi primogeniti Regis Henrici sexti et serenissimorum Regum Edvardi quarti, Edvardi quinti et Henrici septimi principali secretario, dignissimi ordinis Garterii Registro et hujus Sacri Collegii Canonico. A.D. 1489 et postea per dictum illustrissimum Regem Henr. Sept. A.D. 1492 ad sedem Exoniensem commendato." This inscription has been most kindly sent to the editor by the Dean of Windsor.

Cecily Duchess of York, mother of K. Ed. IV., in her will dated April 1st, 1495, proved August 27th, 1495, appoints "Mr. Oliver King, Bishop of Bath," one of her executors.]

1449, Elected from Eton to King's College, Cambridge.
1459, Proctor of the Univ. of Cambridge.
1474-7, Master of the Hospital of St. John the Bapt., Dorchester, Secretary to Edw. P. of Wales, son of Henry VI.
1475-6, March 8.—Made by Edw. IV. Principal Sec. for the French tongue.
1479-70, Preb. of Botevant (York).
1487-8, February.—Exchanged Preb. of Botevant for that of Fridaythorpe.
1480, Resigned Preb. of Eigne (Hereford).
1480, October 30.—Canon of Windsor and Registrar of the Order of the Garter.
1482, April 17.—Archdeacon of Oxford.
1483, Ric. III. deprived him of his office of Secretary.
1485, Henry VII. restored him.
1487, May 2.—Preb. of Rugmere (St. Paul's Cath.).
1487, September 28.—Archdeacon of Berks.
1488, Founded Guild of Holy Trinity at Windsor.
1490, July 12.—Archdeacon of Taunton.
1490-1, March 23.—Dean of Hereford, resigned 27th June, 1491.
1492, October 1.—Bishop of Exeter.
1495, November 6.—Bishop of B. and W. Enthroned March 12.
1497, September 30.—With the King visited Wells.

[1] Henry Dean, Archbishop of Canterbury, died February 15th, 1503.

1499, Visited Bath—his dream.
1503, August 29.—Obiit.
1503, October 24.—His will was proved.

1503. JOHN COMPTON.

[39 HOLGRAVE.]

July 19th, 1503. John Compton senior of Bekynton. My body to be buried in the parish church of Bekenton within the chapel of the B.M. there, on the south side of the chancel of the said church. To the church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of Bekenton £20, under this condition that with part of the said money shall be provided, two silver gilt *candelabra* by my executor and in my name delivered to the wardens of the said church as of my gift to the use of the said church and to the praise of God continually to be used there. I bequeath to 17 other parish churches £20 to be distributed at the discretion of my executor. To the reparation of the highways and streets as well in the town of Bekenton itself as in other places near that town to be disposed at the discretion of my executor 46*s.* 8*d.* To the reparation of the causeway called Standewiks causeway £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To the Prior and convent of Bath to the building of the cathedral there £10. To the Carthusian House of Henton £10. To the Carthusian House of Wyttham £10. To the order of Friars Minors of Bristol to celebrate a trental for my soul and the souls of my parents 20*s.* To the order of Friars Preachers to celebrate a trental for the said souls 20*s.* To the order of the Carmelite Friars of Bristol for a like purpose 10*s.* To the order of Augustinian Friars of Bristol for a like purpose 10*s.* Towards the marriage of 16 poor girls to be distributed at the discretion of my executor 106*s.* 8*d.* To each godson and goddaughter 12*d.* To Thomas Coke of Sarum one of the supervisors of this my will 100*s.* To Richard Bartholomew another of the supervisors of my will 100*s.*

Residue: John Compton, my son (executor).

Overseers: (named above).

Witnesses: Master William Waller, Rector of Bekynton, Lady Philippa Cuppar, widow, Philip Ricart, Thomas Barber, Thomas Palmer, and others.

Proved at Lambeth, October 27th, 1505.

1503. JOHN WADHAM.

[34 HOLGRAVE.]

August 9th, 1503. John Wadham of Merifeld in co. Somerset, clerk. My body to holy sepulture to be placed near the chapel of the B.M. in the parish church of Ilton, if I depart from this light in Merifeld, or within one day's journey (*dietam*) of the same and then I bequeath to the said church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Vicar of Whitlakyngton for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* I will that my executors cause a trental of St. Gregory to be celebrated for the souls of those for whom I am bound to pray, and I will that the priest so celebrating have for his stipend £10. I will that my debts be fully paid. I will that the residue of my goods be disposed for the contentation of the debts of Sir John Wadham, knt., formerly my master and of his wife both deceased.

Executors: William Wadham of Caterston, and Lady Joan Wadham, wife of Nicholas Wadham, knt.

In witness whereof I have written my name with my own hand.

Proved at Lambeth, July 12th, 1505.

1503. WILLIAM LYE.

[17 HOLGRAVE.]

August 27th, 1503. William Lye. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Martin of Kyngesbury. To the church of Wells 12*d.*, to my church of Kyngesbury 6*s.* 8*d.*, to all my godchildren 4*d.*; to Alice my daughter 10 marcs; to Robert my son 6 oxen with the iron wayne, and three cows to the value of 20*s.*; to Margaret my daughter 100*s.*; to Thomas my son 100*s.*; to John my son 10 marcs in money; to the Vicar 20*d.*; and I make Isabella my wife my executrix to dispose for my soul as shall seem to her best.

Proved at Lambeth, September 6th, 1504.

1503. WILLIAM ST. MAUR, KNT.

[6 HOLGRAVE.]

September 3rd, 1503. William Sayntmaure, knight. My body to be buried at the Abbey of Glastonbury in Joseph

Abammathia is chapell. To my moder churche of Salysbury 20*s.*, and the churche of South Perot 40*s.* To every of my servants 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* To Mighell 40*s.* To Jane Bosamquethe my servant 20 marcs to hir mariage. I bequeth all my wering gere and garments to my bedfelowe John Skewys and also 40 marcs in money. The residue of all my goodes and catallys I hooly geve and bequeth to Dame Elizabeth Byconyll my moder. And as towching all my londes and tenements be all in feofees handys wheruppon I make my will undre this forme folowyng. First, I will that the said Dame Elizabeth take and perceyve the hole profuts of all my manors londs and tenements with thappurtenances in the countie of Dorset to the perfourmance of my said legacions bequests and detts, and aftir the said legacions bequests and detts fulfilled and contented, I woll the said profuts of all my said maners londs and tenements with thappurtenances to hir own use, terme of hir lyf, and if the seid Dame Elizabeth fortune to decesse, which God forbidde, afore my legacions and detts be contented and paide, that then I woll my executors overliving the said Dame Elizabeth, to hold and perceyve the hole profuts of all my maners londs and tenements with thappurtenances within the said countie of Dorset to the contentacion of the said legacions and detts. I woll that Dame Margerete my wif have my maner of Northemolton with thappurtenances within the countie of Devon and to take and perceyve the hole profitts of the same, terme of hir lyfe. And I woll that the same Dame Margarete also have londes and tenements within the countie of Somers to the clere yerely value of 40*li.* over and above the said manor of Northmolton, where it shall like her to chose within the said countie of Somerset, term of hir lyfe ; excepted and reserved all my londs and tenements with their appurtenances in Thurston and Myhelchurch within the seid countie of Somerset which I woll that my gossip Kateryn Wyndesore, widowe, and Henry hir sonne my godson, have the same londs and tenements in Thurston and Myhelchurch aforseid to theym, terme of their both lyves. I will that all the residue of my londes and tenements remayne to my right heires with reversion of all the premisses when they shall falle. I ordeyn and make the executors of this my present testament and last will, the seid

Dames Elizabeth and Margarete and the forseid John Skewys. In witnes wherof I have set to myn seall, being present Nicholas Alsewell, Doctor of Phisik, Nicholas Chaunterell clerk my gostely fader and Gylys Peny.

No probate.

1503. ROGER BROME.

[6 Bodfelde.]

October 4th, 1503. Roger Brome to be buried in the church of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul of Pedirton [*i.e.* South Petherton] I bequeath 2 cows price 15*s.* "to maynteyn Our Lady light forever with 4 prycketts without side of the candelstick." To the church of Wells 2*s.* To the church of SS. Peter and Paul 13*s.* 4*d.* To Sir Richard Clerk 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Mereet [blank]. To the fraternity of Ilmyster one cow. To the church of Shepton one ram. To every godchilde of myn a shepe. To Thomas my brother one cow. To William my brother one cow.

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Overseer: William Roller to whom 6*s.* 8*d.*

Proved at St. Paul's, London, April 27th, 1523.

1503. WILLIAM SAMFORD.

[31 Blamyr.]

December 4th, 1503. William Samford, to be buried in the parish church of Bruton. To the cathedral church of Wellys 8*d.* To the newe chapell of oure blissid lady in the Priory 20*s.* To the church of Charlton Camveyll 6*s.* 8*d.* William, John, and Richard, my sonnes, and Alys and Christian my doughters £16 13*s.* 4*d.*, equally between them, if it happen eny of my said children dye within the age of 21 yeres and before mariage then the said 66*s.* 8*d.* by me to every of them assigned equally to be divided among the survivors, and for the performance of this my last will in as moche as my quyene [coin] draweth not to the sum of £16 13*s.* 4*d.*, I will that Margery my wif (my executrice) by the advice of my lord William Gylberd Priour of Bruton and William Bisshoppe (whom I have ordeyned my overseers) selle suche goods as will make the hoole seid summe of

£16 13*s.* 4*d.* and that my said wife yerely during her life kepe my twelfmonethes mynde with two priests at dirige and masses.

Residue: To my wife.

Proved: January 20th, 1503.

1503. THOMAS MICHELL.

[30 Blamyr.]

1503. Thomas Michell, to be buried in the parish church of the B.M. of Canyngton; to the same church 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the priory church of Canyngton 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the church of Wemden 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the church of Chilton 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the church of Chalton 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the church of Powlett 6*s.* 8*d.* I appoint my wife Margaret and my son Thomas and my daughter Isabella to be my executors, and my brother Master John Fizthiames overseer. [It is to be noted that he owed his brother Master Edward Stenyngs 10 marcs, but for what cause he did not reveal and also that he wished to have a priest celebrating for him, but he did not mention for how long, and that his daughter Isabella should have certain lands or 5 marcs a year, until she should be marriageable, or should have a husband, and that his brother Reginald and all his sisters should have something to pray for him and specially "Dompna Johanna Michell" on account of the gratitude which he owed her, but what she should have he did not mention, and he wished many other things if he had lived for two hours longer.]

Proved December 4th, 1503.

1503. JOHN CRODWELL.

[33 Holgrave.]

December 26th, 1503. John Crodwell of Taunton, my body to holy grave in the church of the apostles Peter and Paul in the priory of Taunton. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the lord Prior for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To a fit chaplain to celebrate for my soul and the souls of my parents in the church of the B.M. Magd. of Taunton for one whole year 9 marcs.

Residue: Margaret my wife (executrix).

Supervisor: Thomas Fox, "weffer," of Taunton.

Witnesses: Master Hugh Thomas, Sir John Will, Thomas Walschet, Thomas Fox.

Proved at Lambeth, July 1st, 1505.

1503. JOHN BELLOWE.

[6 Holgrave.]

January 2nd, 1503. John Bellowe, my body to be buried in the chapel of St. Michael of Congrisbery. To the cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* To the high altar for tithes forgotten 16*d.* To the parish priest to pray for the health of my soul, and the souls of my benefactors 10*s.* To the high light before the cross one bushel of corn, to each of the other lights one bushel of barley. To the chapel of St. Michael my best cow. To the church of Pokyston [Puxton] one bushel of barley. To Richard Stevyns parish clerk one heifer. To Agnes my wife two cows and two oxen, and 4 nobles to be paid from debts owed to me. I will that the said Agnes have the use for herself and her assigns after my death of all my silver spoons with silver girdles and other such like things. I bequeath to the reparation of one way 20*d.*

Residue: Agnes my wife and Robert Knight (executors).

Supervisors: Robert Neddys, John Edwards, William Knight and John Spurge.

Witnesses: Sir John Thomas my curate, and John Edwardys with others.

1503. AGNES BURTON *ALS.* BASCOMBE.

[7 Holgrave.]

January 24th, 1503. Dame Agnes Burton of Taunton late wif of Richard Burton. My body to the holy grave and sepulture to be buried in the church of the Priory in Taunton aforesaid before the ymage of Seynt Botulphe. To the Pryor ther to pray for me 20*s.* To every preest of his covent comyng to my dirige and masse 12*d.* To the vicar of the church of Seynt Mary Magdaleyn in Taunton to pray for me 20*s.* To every other preest ther comyng to my dirige and masse 12*d.* To

every of the two clerks ther 8*d.* To the werks of the cathedrall church of Wellys 3*s.* 4*d.* To the makyng and finisshing of the Towre of Magdaleyn half a pippe of Oode. To the service of the sepulcre and hycrosse half a pippe of Oode beside the herse. To the parissh church of Evill my best pax of silver and gilt with that they let pray in the bedroll there for my soule and for the soules of Thomas Bascombe and Alionore his wif, Thomas Ryall and William his wiff, John Bascombe, Alice and Agnes his wiffs, Roger Goge and Alice his wife and all the childern of theym and for the soule of Sir John Lemãn. To the church of Seynt Mary Magdaleyn in Taunton my sute of black vestiments with cope and corporas to the honor of Almyghty Gode. To the said sepulcre service there my rede damaske mantell and my mantell lyned with sylke that I was professid yn, to thentent of Mary Magdaleyn play, and a rochet, and a box of silver and gilt. To the Grey Freers of Bridgewater, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Freers of Ilchester 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Grey Freers of Bristowe 6*s.* 8*d.* To the prisoners of Ilchester 3*s.* 4*d.* To every poore household of Evil named Almes-people 4*d.* To the church of All Seynts in London where my husband John Bascombe lyeth buryed a cupp p'cẽ 40*s.* I will myn executours finissh the gabull wyndowe in Magdaleyn towre with glasse. I will that myn executours glasse oon of the cloister wyndowes in the Priory of Taunton. Also that they ordeyne for me vj gownes of fryce and vj torches for poore men to bere theym, takyng every of theym mete and drynke and 4*d.* in money. I will that they distribute for me the day of my moneths mynde in likewise 10 mrc̃s in money. To Sir John Wile preest a cupp and a fether bede to pray for me and myn. To his moder a girdell. I will that myn executors make a pall of velwet and silke to serve to the herse in the daies of the obite of Richard Burton and me, and that it be kept with the implements of my chaunterye. I will that myn executors and theire assignes distribute for me yerely, and for the soule of Richard Burton, and for all other soules above rehersed, to poore people three daies afore our obite in gownys and smoks, the revenue yerely going owte of my tenement which I had of William Burton, provided that the first yere rent therof be putt in a coffre for the reparacion of my chãnterye. To John Danyell thelder my

toking mille at Langford my medow called "Swampole," a standing cupp with a cover havyng a birde uppon the knappe, of the bequest of Water Danyell, six sponys of silver and other goodes of household to the value of 10 mr̃cs and half a pipe of Oode wtoute the dore. To John Danyell the yonger a playn cup̃ of his faders bequest that rest behinde to pay, and my medowe at Pittiford. I will that Alice Bartilmewe the doughter of Richard Bartilmewe thonger and Agnes his wif my doughter, have my fynable lands and place named "Hayne-by-Taunton" to hir and to hir heirs, she bering and her yssue therof to my Chãntrie and the feoffees of the same, as often as it shall be nedefull to the reparacion of the houses there in tyme of nede 2 or 3 okes. To the said Alice my trokilbed hole performed. I will that every of my servants have theire conveñnts and rayment, a peyre of shetes, a peyre of blankettes, a crocke, a panne, a basen, vj candelstikkes and other trasshe of household after the discrecion of myn executours. I will that myn executors rewarde all myn olde servants at the will of myn executors and that they pray for me, my frends and all our good doers. I will that my feoffees named in a deede of feffament after my decesse shall of thissues profittes and revenues of 10 burgages with thappurtenances in Taunton and Bridgwater, fynde an honest preest to syng and say masse daiely in the said church of Seynt Mary Magdaleyn at the awter of S. Andrewe ther, and to pray for the soules of Richard Burton Agnes Sibille and Alice his wiffs, and for all the good doers of theym, for the soules of John Bascombe, Walter Danyell, John Blower, Robert Eode, their wiffs and all the good doers of theym, and for all cristen soules. Which prest shall syng daiely aboute the howre of ix, if he be disposed, and that the said prest shall say every Wednysday in the yere, the masse of the Fyve Wounds, and every month Dirige and com̃endacions with the psalmes of the passion; which preest shall take for his pension and salary yerely 9 mr̃cs by the yere, to be paid by my said feoffees of and in the said 10 burgages, their heires and assignes. And I will that the said preest which so shall synge for me have auctoritie to distreyne in all the said 10 burgages with thappurtenances as often as he shalbe behynd unpaied of his said salary by the space of 15 daies aftir the customable times of payment. And thus

I will, that if Sir John Wile will leve his chauntrey, then he to syng for me as is before said duryng his liff. To my said feoffees of and in the said 10 burgages to thuse and honor of God and all holy saynts in hevẽn and for the ornaments of the said awter and the said church of Seynt Mary Magdaleyn and to noon other use, a masse booke, a chales, a peyre of cruetts of silver for high daies, a peire of cruetts of tinne, a bell of silver, another of laten, 4 peir of vestiments with 4 corporas, 4 awlter clothes, 4 towellys and in every thing wrought and sett my name and myn husbands, a strong coffre to put all thies ornaments yn, a censor of silver, a paxbrede and all my hole clothe of thissewe, the sensor to be occupied at the high awter in high fests. Which all said ornaments and jewels shall remayn in keping within the said churche under tuycion of my said feoffees, their heires and assignes, to thentente before seid. I will that the preest which soo shall syng for me be at all divyne services in Magdalyn churche aforesaid withoute he shall have a lawfull excuse. I will that my feoffees their heirs and assignes with thissues profitts and revenues of the said 10 burgages with their appurtenances shall holde and kepe yerely in the same churche two obittes expending at every of theym 10*s.*, that is to say at the daye of my deth to pray for my soule and for the soules of my husbond our faders and moders and all our good dooers, oon obite, and the other at the day of the deth of Richard Burton for hym, Agnes Sibille and Alice his wiffs, John Blower Robert Eode and all their goode doers, and that it be devided amongst preests clerks and almespeople by the discrecion of my said feoffees their heires and assignes, and that every of theym take for his labor every day of the said obitte 2*d.* a pece, to see the said obitts truely contented; Thies bẽn the burgages before rehersed. Inprimis a burgage in Estrete which William Shurford dwellith yn, one that John Best dwellyth yn, one Geoffrey Corio^r^ dwellith yn, one that John Adam dwellith yn, a tenement that John Luton dwellith yn, a burgage in Paule Strete that William Dier dwellith yn, one in the Middell Market that Digons dwellith yn, with all the shoppis under a burgage in the mercerye lane that Henry Donnate holdith. A burgage by Northetone that John Bridge dwellith yn, a burgage with the selars and other appurtenances in Bridgwater that Moryce

Hoper dwellith yn. I will that my feoffees of and in the said burgages with their appurtenances their heirs and assignes, stand and be alwey therof seased for ever to performe this my will for fynding of a prest contynually for ever to syng and say in and after the manner aforesaid. And that all yssues profitts and revenues comyng or growing of the said burgages with thappurtenances be emploied oonly to the use and fynding of suche a preste as is said before, the payment of the said yerely obitts and the mayntenance and reparacion of the same burgages and of the ornaments and jewels before rehersed. And if it fortune all my said feoffees that now be, to decesse unto two of theym, then I will that the two shall make a state in fee to two other well disposed persones of the burgh of Taunton forseid, to the entent to performe my last will heryn, and immediately after the same astate made, I will that the same two persones which shall soo be enfeoffed by my said feoffees immediately shall make astate ageyn of all the said burgages with thappurtenances unto those two of my feoffees which soo shall fortune to overlyve and to xvi other well disposed and honest men of the said burgh of Taunton. And thus to dele as often as my said feoffees shall decesse unto two, they beyng so enfeoffed alweyes to performe this my will of the said burgages in every poynt as my olde feoffees shuld have done, if they had made no new feoffament, takyng of the issues and profittes aforeseid at the lyvery of every suche possession, two galons of wyne amongst theym. I will that when any such preest as shall syng for me shall fortune to decesse, myn heires which now be or hereafter shalbe, shall admytte to the said service an honest preest and so as often tymes as the same service hereafter shall happen to be void. And for lacke and defawte of myn heires hereafter to be namyd and admytted by my said feoffees for the tyme beyng, I will that my detts and legacies paid, Agnes my doughter have all my lands and tenements, rents, reversions, and services with thappurtenances in the counties of Wilteshire and Sũth and in the towne of Suthampton, except the moytie of my manor of Penỹton, to have and to hold to hir and to the heirs of hir body lawfully begõten, and for defawt of such yssue the remaynder therof to the rightfull heirs of me the said Agnes Burton, for ever. I will that Sibille my doughter have the other moytie of

my manor of Penynton and all my lands and tenements rents reversions and services with thappurtenances in the countie of Somersett except before excepted and disposed, to have and to hold to the said Sibille and to the heirs of hir body lawfully begõten, and for defawte of such yssue, the remaynder therof to the said Agnes my doughter and to the heirs of hir body lawfully begoten, and for defawte of such yssue, to the rightfull heirs of me the said Agnes Burton, for ever. The residue of my goods above not bequethed I geve and bequeth, my detts and legacies paied and contented, to the said Agnes and Sibille my doughters whom I make my veray true executrices of this my present testament, and therof to have the full advantage, and to doo for me according aftir my mynde, and to reward all things necessary at their discrecion. And the oversears and supervisors of the same, I make Maister Richard Elyot seriaunt in lawe and Richard Bartilmewe of Sarum, the elder, to which said Maister Richard Elyot I geve and bequeth five marks in money. And to the said Richard Bartilmewe 40*s.* in money for their labours. This witnessing, Maister Hugh Thomas vicar of the parisshe church of Magdaleyn aforeseid, Sir John Wile, preest, William Netheway, Thomas Welshotte clerks, there, with other.

Proved at Lambeth, April 26th, 1504.

1503. RICHARD LACY.

[4 Holgrave.]

January 18th, 1503. Richard Lacy. My body to be buried in the cathedral church of the holy apostles Peter and Paul at Bath next the entrance of the chapel of the B.M.V. To the said church 40*s.*; to the monastery (*sic*) of St. Andrew of Wells 40*s.*; to the chapel of St. Katherine the Virgin, to the work of repairing the tower 40*s.*; to the church of St. Michael without the north gate of Bath 3*s.* 4*d.*; to the Rector of said church 12*d.*; to each priest celebrating a mass for my soul 4*d.*; to the Abbey of Keynsham 2*s.* For distribution among 100 poor people for the safety of my soul, to each person farthing bread on the day of my exequies, and the whole to be distributed on the day of my burial. To Edmund, my eldest son, my best gown and my best doublet, one pipe of wood, one silver goblet with cover, one

horn ornamented at the mouth with silver and gilt, one crucifix of silver and gilt, 6 silver spoons. To John, my son, my second best gown and a doublet of blue woollen cloth, one salt cellar of silver, one maser of silver and gilt with handle and cover, and one crucifix of silver.

Residue: Joan, my wife (overseer).

Executors: Edmund and John, my sons.

And the said Joan to have the use of the maser, the horn the spoons and 2 silver goblets for her life.

Witnesses: John Coffin, John Guner and others.

Proved March 27th, 1504.

1503. JOHN DICKER.

[8 Holgrave.]

February 8th, 1503. John Diker, of Mellys. My body to be buried in the chapel of St. Katerine, in the church of Mells. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.*; to the high altar in the church of Mells for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the altar of the B.M. in the said church one gold ring; to the light of the high cross in the said church of Mellis 3*s.* 4*d.*; to the altar of St. Katerine in the said church one pair of sacerdotal vestments and one silver chalice, and I will that Isabella Dykar my wife pay one suitable priest to celebrate there for my soul and the souls of my parents and of all the faithful dead for one whole year after my death and two if it can be conveniently done. To Robert Dyker my son, one long chest in my parlour at Haydon with the table and certain stools in the hall at Haydon at the discretion of Isabel Diker my wife, if the said Robert Diker behaves himself well and kindly towards her, with all the other things which I promised him, and if by chance the said Robert shall do otherwise in anything that he has promised to do, or shall behave himself otherwise than he has promised to behave himself towards her, I will then that he shall have none of the said things named in my will, but then I will that the said Isabella Diker my wife shall have a third part of all my lands and tenements and pasture as in Heidon so in certain other places in the name of her dower. To Lady Katerine Diker, prioress of Amisbery, one gold ring namely that which she gave

to me and my two seals which are at Amisbery. To my sister Carew, of Amisbery, one large maser. To Lady Joan Horner, of Hamesbury, one small maser having a certain stone fixed in the middle. To Lady Margery Hunt, of Amisbury 6*s.* 8*d.*; to Lady Margery Hayren of Amisbery 6*s.* 8*d.*; to Lady Amata 3*s.* 4*d.* To Elen Ash, my daughter at Sarisbury £3 or one silver cup which was pledged to me for £3 at the election of my wife. To Joan Burly of Amisbury 20*d.*; to Joan Horner of Lie my violet gown ingraned and furred with lamb-skin. To Katerine Horner of Mells my tunic of cendal. To Sir Robert Giford curate of the church of Mellis one gown of Kent cloth furred with skins *bredorum.* To Richard Crok, clerk, of Mellis, one tawny gown furred with skins of lambs. To 20 poor persons, to each of them one sheet. To the poor all those shirts which are in my chest at Amisbury, and I will that my wife distribute them as she thinks there is need.

Residue: Isabel Dyker my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Rev. Father in Christ Lord Richard Beyr, Abbot of Glaston.

Witnesses: William Helde, John Berford, William Bowyer, Robert Horner, Henry Payne, John West.

Proved May 2nd, 1503.

1503. ROBERT SHEPARD.

[11 Holgrave.]

February 9th, 1503. Robert Shepard in the parish of Bruham. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the chapel of St. John the Baptist. To the mother church 4*d.*

Residue: Edith my wife (executrix).

Proved at Lambeth, May 3rd, 1504.

1503. RICHARD PYNE.

[12 Holgrave.]

March 5th, 1503. Richard Pyn. My body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of St. Andrew of Almysford before the image of St. Peter. To the cathedral church of Wellis 4*d.* To St. Peter in the church of Almysford 13*s.* 4*d.* To the rector of the said church to pray for my soul 9*s.* 2*d.* To

Alice my daughter 6 spoons and one maser, and my will is that Alice my daughter shall have the half of my goods after my death if my wife wishes to marry, if not that then she shall do according to her will except as to the within-named legacies. To each of my servants one ewe. To John Batt junior 6*s.* 8*d.* To Alice Jay one ewe; to Richard Batt one ewe; to the church of St. Andrew of Almysford one cow to the sustentation of the trendal before the high cross, and the wardens for the time shall render yearly from this bequest on the fourth day before the feast of the Annunciation of the B.M. to the rector of the said church to pray for my soul 2*d.* To the church of All Saints of Castill Cary 20*s.* To the high altar of St. Andrew of Almisford to make two cloths (*lintheamina*) 2*s.* 8*d.* To Robert Pin my son one heifer. To Alice my servant one heifer.

Residue: Alice my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: John Wicke, clerk, John Batt senior, Richard Coppar and many others.

Proved May 2nd, 1504.

1504. THOMAS UPCOT.

[9 Holgrave.]

March 25th, 1504. Thomas Upcot of Dunster. My body to be buried in holy grave in the church of St. George of Dunster. To the fabric of the said church *i.e.* to the new aisle (*gildam*) there to be made or repaired in the said church in the north part 10 tons of iron coming in a ship of John Cokkys if the parishioners of Dunster begin to repair the said aisle within 3 years otherwise the said 10 tons of iron shall remain in the hands of my executors for other works of charity to be done in the said church. To Andrew Loterell 40*s.* To Sir Hugh Loterell, knt., 40*s.* under this condition that he supervise that my children have and receive the goods within bequeathed in my will if they shall live and come to mature age and to the day of marriage and shall live to the pleasure of God and the health of the soul and according to the counsel and advice of my executors otherwise my goods within bequeathed shall remain in the hands of my executors for the doing of works of charity, and that the said Sir Hugh Loterell, knt., shall sustain and advise my executors in all lawful causes to execute and perform this my last will, and if it happen that one or both of them

die before they come to mature age and the day of marriage that then it will be lawful and I wish that the goods bequeathed to my children shall remain in the hands of my executors and at their will in other works of charity for the health of my soul and of others for whom I am bound to pray. To Thomas my son my "*de la notte*" ornamented with silver and gilt; my best goblet with a cover; my best salt with a cover and in parte gilt; 6 pipes "*de la ode*" [woad] being in the barn of Richard Holcomb; 2 pair of best beads "*de la corall*" and a crucifix of silver and gilt. To Joan my daughter my second best salt of silver, my second best goblet, and my third best pair of beads of corall; 10 tons of iron coming with John More of Stokgursi from parts beyond the sea if they duly come and in peace and safety. To a certain honest priest celebrating for one whole year £6. To Joan Fissher my servant for her wages £3. To Thomas Gradon my servant for his wages £3 and one "*de la flokebed*," one pair of blankets one pair of sheets and one coverlet and three dozen "whizltes" [quilts]. To Sir Richard Pester prior of Dunster 20*s*. To Joan Upcot my elder daughter 4 bales "*de la ode*" and the fourth pair of my best beads. To Thomas Juyner of Dunster 3*s*. 4*d*. To Alice Care my servant for her wages 20*s*. To Sir William Maser perpetual vicar of "Oldecliva" and to Thomas Godegon my executors my close at Stapulgrove near Hampton[1] for the profit or advantage of my son Thomas if he shall live to mature age.

Residue: Sir William Maser perpetual vicar of Old Cleeve and Thomas Codagon of Dunster (executors).

Witnesses: Thomas Juyner, John Sadeler, William Allercot and many others.

Proved May 8th, 1504.

1504. JOHN WOOD.

[22 Adeane.]

April 10th, 1504. John Wood, dyer, of Tawneton. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the apostles Peter and Paul of the priory near Tawneton. To the service of the sepulchre and of the high cross in the church of blessed Mary Magdalene 6*s*. 8*d*. To the lord Prior and the convent to receive me into their

[1] ? Taunton.

fraternity 6*s.* 8*d.* To the lord Prior for tithes 20*d.* To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.*

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Master Hugh Thomas, Thomas Walschett, John Maynerd and others.

Proved April 23rd, 1507.

1504. WILLIAM SUMMASTER.

[21 HOLGRAVE.]

April 17th, 1504. William Sumaster, clerk. My body to be buried in holy grave. To the church of St. Mary of Silverton [Devon] 100*s.* to buy one cope of such value or greater as it shall please the parishioners. To the church of All Saints of Rew 40*s.* of which they shall receive in their hands 20*s.* To Richard Sumaster 10 marcs and two of my best long gowns with hoods, 6 silver spoons of the £24 which William Sumaster of Wellys owes me. To John Sumaster son of John S., senior, one cup silver gilt with arms on the same, £4 and 6 silver spoons. To Walter Sumaster 40*s.* To William Sumaster of Wellys 10 marcs coming from the said £24. To Julian Bere 20 marcs. I will that my Bible with silver clasps lately belonging to Master David Hopton be given to Master John Borton to dispose for the health of the soul of the said Master David. Another Bible which was lately pledged by the Abbot of Charsey [Chertsey] and lies for 40*s.* to be restored to the said Abbot of Charsey for 20*s.* and I will that these 20*s.* be given to the wife of Philip Hedde lately of Exeter or her executors. To Joan daughter of John Sumaster senior if she shall be married 6 silver spoons. To John Sumaster senior my second best bed with a silver goblet with a cover having on the upper part a rabbit. To Sir Robert Hupstone one book of sermons with a red cover. To my sister Isabel one silver bason and one silver salt with holes bought from Lord Bishop Arondell; moreover I make Master Walter Cose and Master John Cyat and John Fechot clerk my true executors and to each of them I give for his labours 4 marcs.

Proved November 28th, 1504.

1504. JOHN SERNE.

[15 HOLGRAVE.]

April 17th, 1504. John Serne, off Sipton Malett. I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God and oure Lady Saint Mary and for to ly in the churche off Petur and Pawle in Shypton foresaid. To the mother church of Saint Andrewe 3*s.* 4*d.* For a preest 4 yere 24*li.* To John Marke and Agnes my doughter a pipe of woode to them and a quarter, and to every childe a quarter dymy and a dosen of sponys. To Agnes Myllwarde 2 pypes of woode and dymy a dosen of sponys and a dosen of pewter vessell, a pott and a panne. To every child of Roger Herpus a quarter of woode. To every godchilde 4*d.* To the bellis 3*s.* 4*d.* To 5 lights 5*s.* To every pour body that owthe me any dewtie that is nott able to pay, I forgeve hym. To Henry May a gowne clothe. I make myne executrice my wyff to dispose after her discretion and Doctur Harper to be supervisour. Herto bering witness Thomas Strande, John Calcott and John Hevell.

Proved, no date.

1504. THOMAS CROSSE.

[33 HOLGRAVE.]

May 8th, 1504. Thomas Crosse of Ashe Britell. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of A. To the church of Wells 2*s.* To the repair of the light of the high cross in the same church [of A.] 3*s.* 4*d.* To the repair of the light of St. Mary standing on the south part of the altar 3 sheep. To my curate Richard Dere 2*s.* 6*d.*

Residue: John Crosse my eldest son and Robert Crosse my son to divide the residue equally between my eight children, Robert Crosse being one of the said children, at the discretion of John Crosse my brother and Robert Scotte.

Executors: John Crosse my eldest son and Robert Crosse.

Overseers: John Crosse my brother and Robert Scotte, who shall reward John Crosse my eldest son and William my son according to their discretion.

Witnesses: Alexander Arundell, clerk, Richard Dere and Richard Were.

Proved July 1st, 1505.

1504. DIONYSIUS DWYN.

[13 HOLGRAVE.]

May 10th, 1504. The Honourable man Dionisius Dwin merchant of Ireland, citizen and burgess of the town of Bridgewater in England, and formerly bailiff of the said town willed and ordained his body to be buried if he died in the present fair city of Bordeaux, in the church of the convent of the Friars Observant of the same city, before the chapel of the glorious Virgin his advocate to whom he has devoutly commended his spirit. He has reserved of his goods for the health of his soul and for his funeral rites to be carried out in the said city, the number of 8 pipes of woad to be freighted at the ports or carried in his ship called "*Le Gabriel de Bridgewater*," lately anchored at the port of Bordeaux, of which 8 pipes of woad, the said testator has willed that the said exequies with his funeral and certain legacies and gifts within declared shall be paid as he has ordained or otherwise at the descretion, disposition and ordination of his executors, and his overseers within named namely that it be honestly disposed and decently carried out. To the work and for the maintenance of the friars of the said convent of Observants the sum of 20 scuta of gold to be paid from the said 8 pipes of woad, and this as well for the exequies and funeral rites in the said convent as that the friars themselves shall commend his soul, in their devotions, divine offices and good deeds, and shall preserve it in memory and that they may beseech our Redeemer for its safety and for the souls of his ancestors, and of others for whom the testator is bound to pray. To the Vicar and priests of the parish church of St. Peter of Bordeaux (in which parish he is now detained by infirmity) who shall lead his body to burial, a sum of five shillings "turonensium"[1] to be paid of the said 8 pipes of woad, provided that they shall be bound to celebrate each of them for his soul one low mass on the day of burial or on the morrow; he wills that 4 priests of the said church of St. Peter shall carry his body to the said convent of the Friars Observant to which priests he has given to each of them 30 arditos[2] to be paid of the said 8 pipes

[1] Turonensis, Moneta Francisca Turonibus cusa, *tournois*. (*Ducange*.)
[2] Arditus et ardicus, Æreæ monetæ species, *hardis*. (*Ducange*.)

of woad, and if there are more than four that the said sum shall be equally divided between them, and this beyond the said five shillings. To the work and fabric of the said parish church of St. Peter, a sum of 10 Bordeaux francs, to the end that the parishioners of the said church shall beseech the rood for his soul, to be paid of the said 8 pipes of woad, to each of the four mendicant convents of Bordeaux namely Carmelites, Preachers, Austen, and Friars Minors, a sum of 5 Bordeaux francs to be paid of the said 8 pipes of woad to the end that the said religious of the said convents should beseech the Lord Jesus for his soul. To the above named Sir John Gerard his confessor 20 Bordeaux francs to the end that he shall pray to our Lord for his soul. To Nicholas Pleard his host half a pipe of woad as well for his hospitality and services paid by said host as that he should commend his soul. To the most Christian King of France one scutum of gold by which bequest the said testator has made the said king his own particular heir, so that he cannot pretend to have any claim on his goods or merchandise and these three newest bequests he wishes to be paid from the said 8 pipes of woad. To each altar of the said church of Bridgewater 40*d.* sterling English money. To the convent of the Friars Minors of the said town of Bridgewater one pipe of woad.

For the reparacion and maintenance of the bridge of the said town of Bridgewater one pipe of woad. To the warden of St. John of Bridgewater one pipe of woad, and one pipe of wine; and he has left these 5 bequests that the inhabitants of the said town of Bridgewater should beseech our Redeemer for his soul. To William Trant master of his ship one pipe of woad, that he may pray God for him, and he wishes and ordains that the sailors and servants of his said ship should be paid all that is justly owing to them, and his legacies and donations of this kind he wishes to be paid of his other goods and not out of the said 8 pipes of woad which are to be distributed in the city of Bordeaux as is said.

The said testator confessed that he owed Sir Simon Boulaye, merchant and burgess of Bordeaux on the account made between them a sum of 828 Bordeaux francs, and this as well by reason of the sale of 15 pipes of woad to the said

testator by the said Boulaye sold and lately freighted in a ship called "*La Marie de Tanton*" at the said port of Bordeaux, and by reason of the sale of 4 tunnels and one pipe of wine for which he is bound to give to the said Boulaye 4 pieces of cloth called brizotes and for 2 tunnels of wine 24 Bordeaux francs as also on account of the true good and great friendship to the same testator shown by the said Boulaye in goods and money in the said city of Bordeaux namely of a sum of 49 Bordeaux francs as it appears of this debt by an instrument received midday yesterday through me the notary and in case the said testator departed this life, he wished that 15 pipes of woad should be given to the said Boulaye if he wished to recover from the said woad. The said testator confessed that he owed Sir Stephen Morel also merchant and burgess of Bordeaux a sum of 51 Bordeaux francs which sum he kept himself instead of paying small customs of his merchandise in the said city of Bordeaux. Said testator swore that the debts written here seriatim were justly owed to himself: 1st, a certain John Brown, merchant of Sherburgh in England owes said testator 2 pieces of London cloth on which pieces the testator said that he owed the same Brown 5 tunnels of wine. John Wytcom, merchant, living at Lemport, owes said testator for the sale of cloth £13 6*s.* 8*d.* John Sender, merchant of Brigewater, owes said testator for freight of certain wines in his ship brought over £12. William Las, merchant of Sherburgh, for sale of wine owes him 17½ marcs. John Coke, of Stoe, for sale of wine owes him £12. The wife formerly of Thomas Sestel dwelling at St. Bery, for the sale of wine owes him 100*s.* John Wylgam de Ylhble, for sale of wine, owes him £4. William Appowel, merchant, living at Brigewater, for sale of wine owes testator £6. William Stakbolk, merchant of Lemeryk owes him 3,000 whiting,[1] and more as is more fully contained in a certain deed retained by Master Simeon of Artigamala which whiting he was bound to pay to said testator at a certain period long elapsed and nevertheless he recovered the said deed although he lost it and said and asserted on his soul that he had received nothing for the said whiting, also in the case in which said Master Simeon

[1] *Merlucius, piscis genus, merlan* = "whiting." (*Ducange.*)

de Artigamala wished to swear that said testator owed him one "scutum" which the said Simeon seeks from said testator he ordered that the said scutum be paid to him. Said testator said that there are many other debts owed to him besides those written above, of which at present there is no record, and he said that other things which are owed to him and also others which he himself owes are contained in his book which is at Brigewater, and ordered that those which are found in said book owing to him be recovered and those which he himself owes be paid as is contained in said book. The said testator left John Herforth his nephew and servant 20 pipes of woad freighted at the said port of Bordeaux in the said ship "*Le Gabriel of Brigewater*," and moreover he bequeathed to his said nephew his forenamed ship "*Le Gabriel of Brigewater*," with anchors, cordage and other appurtenances of whatever kind belonging to said vessel, and he made this bequest by reason of relationship, and especially in gratitude for services rendered to himself by said nephew his factor both for the present time and for the future. The testator also hopes that his said nephew will as long as he lives pray for him, and because the institution of heirs is the head and foundation of every good testament the said testator ordains and nominates as his universal heir of all his goods, the Honourable Lady Juliana Dwin, his wife, hoping that she will pray for him, and will collect all his debts, and will pay all those that are owed by him, and in case the said Juliana Dwin, his wife, should die before the said ship should have arrived at the port of Brigewater, in that case he names as his heir the above mentioned John Herforth his nephew, and in the further case that the said John die intestate or without heirs in that case he wished that all the residue of his goods should be distributed to the community of the said town of Brigewater according to the customs of the said town. And the said testator named as his executors of this his last will, Sir John Gerard, his confessor, John Nandin, John Nycol and the said John Herforth his nephew to each of whom he gave one pipe of woad for their labours to be paid from the said 8 pipes if it be possible, but if not from his other woad. He ordained as his overseers Watkyn Man, to whom he gave one pipe of woad of his other woad, and Thomas Hopper, merchants of England, to whom he gave 20*s.*

This will was executed in the said city of Bordeaux under the ordinary seal of the house of the convent of Bordeaux on the day of the month and year abovewritten in the presence of those honourable men, Sir John Gerard, parish priest of St. Peter in Bordeaux, Roger Flappan, John Flamying, Andrew Martel, and John Wogle, English merchants, specially called as witnesses, and of myself James Turpandi, clerk of the diocese of Maleasen, public notary by the authority of the holy see, and of the King in the dukedom of Acquitaine, at the request of the said witnesses I have retained the present public testament which faithfully written by another I have sealed with the seal I use in public in faithful witness of the premisses.

1504. WILLIAM STANTER.

[16 Holgrave.]

May 15th, 1504. William Stanter of Wanstrowe. My body to be buried in the parisshe chirche of Wanstrowe at the Northende of the High Awter. To Saint Andrewe's Chirche of Wellys 20*d.* To the bylding of my father's chapell and his tombe an hundred wethers. To Alysaunder Taylour of my father's bequest, 8*s.* To Sir Thomas Chepman by my father's bequest 13*s.* 4*d.* To Our Lady Chirche of Sarum by my father's bequest 20*s.* To Sir Philipp Stakpole my goostly father a Tawney gowne furred with blak lambe. To my wyfe Elizabeth 12 oxen, 200 shepe, 9 kyne, 8 steeres and all other stuffe of houshold. Also I ordeyne and make Elizabeth my wyf of this my present testament myn executrice to execute and perfourme this my last wyll at hir will to dispoase for the helth of my sowle and of my father and mother's. To this berith wytnes Sir Phillpp Stakpole and John Hyll parson of Stowrton and other.

Proved at Lambeth, September 6th, 1504.

1504. ROBERT GERARD, ESQ.

[34 Holgrave.]

June 14th, 1504. Robert Gerard of Sampford Orkeys in the countie of Somersett, esquyer. My body to be buried within the church in the Chauncell before the ymage of the Blissid Virgin Our Lady of Sampford aforesaid. To the

reparacions of the cathedrall church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the reparacions of the church of Sampford 6*s.* 8*d.* To Henry my son Godds blissyng and myn and 40*s.* of goode lond during his liff, the foresaid Henry to bere yerely to the heyre for the forsaid lond in the fest of the Nativitie of Seynt John the baptiste, a red rose, and aftir the deth of the forseid Henry, I will that thies 40*s.* of lond retorne to the heyre. To Jasper my son God's blissing and myn and 40*s.* of good lond duryng his life beryng yerely to the heyre in the fest of Seynt John baptiste a pownd of comyn and aftir the deth of the forsaid Jasper thies 40*s.* of lond retorne to the rightfull heyre. To Thomas my son Godds blissyng and myn and 40*s.* of good lond duryng his liffe, beryng yerely to the heyre a pownd of Senvye[1] in the fest of Seynt John the baptiste. And aftir the deth of the forsaid Thomas this forseid lond of 40*s.* shall retorne to the rightfull heyr. Provided also that if myn heire or heyres will truely content and pay to the forsaid Henry Jasper and Thomas yerely at 4 certayn termes by theym appointed and to every of theym, 40*s.* of good and lawfull money of England by even porcions, then I will this lond remayne in the heires hands to his best profitte. And for default of payment I will that the forsaid Henry, Jasper, and Thomas, and every of them stand in the strength of my will above declared. To Johane my doughter Godds blissing and myn and 20*li.* sterling to be paid by myn executrice at the daye of hir maryage. And if it fortune that she departe owte of this transitory world or that day come, then I will that this 20*li.* be distributed and disposed for hir soule, myn, and my frends, by the discretion of myn executrice. To Dorothea my doughter Godds blissing and myn and 20*li.* sterling to be paid by myn executrice at the day of hir mariage, and if it fortune hir to departe out of this transitory liff or that day come, then I will that this 20*li.* be disposed for the heth of her soule myn and my frends. To William my son and heyre Godds blissing and myn and well to encrease[2] in vertu, a plough of oxen a weyne and all maner apparell belonging to a weyne and to one plough. To the Priory of Mynchyn Bockelond to be praid fore, a payre of vestments of

[1] Mustard. (*Wright.*)
[2] See page 20.

silke, of grene and yolow color, with water flowrys, the crucifix, Mary and John, beyng in the orfrays. I will that Alice my wif shall occupy my place of Sampford twelfmoneth aftir my deth, taking the croppe beyng uppon hit hole, and aftir that, she shall torne the erthes and sowe theym according as she found theym at hir costs and charges, and soo to leve the croppe at hir departyng to the heyre. The residue of my goodes above not bequethed I bequeth and geve to Alice my wif whom I make myn executrice, furthermore I woll and also ordeyne Sir John Buch, vicar of Yevill, to see this my testament and last will be performed in everything. Thies beryng witness. Water Bremly and Willm Popull of Sampford and Jerman Moryes of Thurseton in the countie of Somersett. The daye and date above rehersed. To the premisses of thies 3 sonnes Henry Jasper and Thomas, Willm son and heyre hath condescend to his fader will in everything above rehersed and hath subscribed his name. And upon thies covenants I will that William my son and heyre shall receyve 20*li.* sterling of Elisabeth Pockyswyll at the fest of Seynt Mighell the Archangell next comyng dewe.

Proved at Lambeth, July 21st, 1505.

1504. MARGARET ESTON.

[17 Holgrave.]

June 16th, 1504. Margaret Eston, widow, of Taunton. My body to be buried within the church of Saynt Peter and Paul, in the Priory of Taunton. To the cathedrall church of Wells 8*d.* To Water my sone a stonding pece gilte with a couer havyng a playn fote, a nutte of silver and gilte with a couer havyng a playn foote, a nutte of silver and gilte with a couer, a salt saler of silver and gilte with a cover. To Elisabeth my doughter a standyng pece of silver and gilte with a couer havyng lyonce in the fote, a salte saler of silver with a couer, a chaste pece of silver, a standing maser withoute a couer, 6 sponys of silver. Also to hir all my girdells and beds not bequethed. To the said Elisabeth my best bede performed. Aftir my decesse I bequeth to Elisabeth my doughter all my stuff in my schope. To hir and to hir childern all my parrell perteyning to my body. To the Vicary of Mary Magdlyn in

Taunton 6*s.* 8*d.* To the reparacion of Magdlyn churche a flate pece ponderyng 10 unces. To Johan Boys my doughter in lawe a girdill with a powder corse. To Symon Roke my sone a fetherbede with a payre of schetes and a maser. To Thomas Walschet clerke 12*d.* The residue of my goodes, my dettes and my bequests paid, I geve and bequeth to Water my sone and Elisabeth my doughter whom I make and ordeyne my very true executors to dispose for the welth of my sowle aftir their best mynde. Also I ordeyne to be supervisors of this my last will to be fulfilled John Cox and John Roke of Taunton and everych of them to take for their labor 10*s.* To this berith witness Master Hugh Thomas and Thomas Walschet *per me* John Coper, John Roke.

Proved at Lambeth, September 6th, 1504.

1504. RICHARD BREKEBEKE.

[16 Holgrave.]

June 25th, 1504. Richard Brekebeke, my body to be buried in the church of B.M. of Yatton. To the said church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high altar for forgotten tithes 12*d.* To the church of Wells 4*d.* To the chapel of St. James in the churchyard of the said church for the supports of the windows 3*s.* To a priest to serve God and to pray for my soul and for the souls of my parents 9 marcs for one year. To John my son 4 whole "cloths" at the disposition of William Knyght and John Brekbek. To my said son one cow at the disposition of Agnes my wife. To the said Agnes all my land lying at "Phypys Brychys" till the term of 16 years and that term being past, half the said land shall remain to John my son, and so I will that the said Agnes and the said John shall hold between them the half of the land during the term of my indenture, and if it so happens that the said John shall die, then the said "cloths" with the said cow shall serve for the said service of the said priest.

Residue: Agnes my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Brekbek my brother, John Gunnian.

Witnesses: John York, chaplain, John Brekbek, William Knyght, and others.

Proved September 6th, 1504.

1504. ELIZABETH BYCONYLL.[1]

[13 HOLGRAVE.]

"In the name of the most gloriouse trinytie amen." 30th June, 1504. I, Elizabeth Biconyll, late wyf of Sir John Biconyll, knyght. I give my body to be buried in the Sepulture of Glastonbury nygh to the place wher as my last husband Sir John lyeth buried. This is my last testament to beere witnesse that I have truely performed my late husband's will as well, in "mortisying" the lands to the Abbot and Covent of Glastonbury as in everything else. I will that as soon as my ghostly "fader" with other clerks have ministered to me the Holy Sacrament of "vnccion" that "immediately as by man erthly it may be perceyved that my soule shuld be from my body separate, as soon as the lawe of holy church ordeyneth after the apperyng of the daylight by the advice of myn executors iiij discrete preestes shall secretly say dirige and masse for my soule begynnyng the trigentall of Saint Gregory, every preest to say xxxti masse xxxti diriges succeding dayly or other in their stede till the xxxti day of partying, and than from that howre of myn Auete betwixt the hour of the burying of my body the said iiij preests say for the helth of my soul neuer cessing, but oon of them to be occupyed nyght and day in saying iiij tymes the Saulter of David as the Holy Church doth use it by the ordeynance of most holy Saynt Jerome every one of them to be rewarded as they deserve by myn executors." To the Mother church of Sarum 10*s.* To Sir John Saunders my curate of Southperrot for negligent tithes 53*s.* 4*d.* To Dame Margaret Seyntmaur,[2] late wife to my son Sir William Seyntmaur knight, the value of 100 marks in plate, with the bed and hanging to her own chamber next the churchyard, etc., with all mine other stuff at Ramsham and 100 sheep at Chyldefrome, upon condition

[1] Her 1st husband was John St. Maur, Esq., son and heir of Thos. St. Maur, Kt.; he died *vita patris*, his will dated Oct. 5, 1485, proved Nov. 19, to be buried in the chancel of the church of Bekynton. *S.R.S.* xvi, 259. By her 1st husband testatrix had a son Sir William St. Maur, and two daughters Ann wife of Robert Stawel, Esq., and Margaret wife of Wm. Bamfield, Esq. These ladies became on the death of their niece Joan, daughter and heir of their brother William and wife of Sir Robert Drury, the heiresses of this house. *Test. Vet.* 377.

[2] Daughter of Sir Richard Edgecombe.

that she allow me to perform my said son's will in his manors and lands in co. Dorset. I bequeath to Jane Seyntmaur daughter of my said son Sir William £100 worth of plate and 100 sheep at Childfrome. If the said Jane die under 13 years of age then I will that half the said bequests be disposed of for her soul and the other half for my soul. I bequeath to every place of the 4 orders of Friars in Bristol 20*s.* To the Friars of Dorchester 20*s.*; to the Friars of Brigewater 20*s.*, and to the Friars of Ilchester 20*s.* To the church of Southperet £20. To Jone Goold my chamber maid 10 marks. To Elizabeth Rowlys my Goddaughter, 10 marks. To every householder of my tenants of Southpet and Northpet 20*d.* To each of my plough hynds 3*s.* 4*d.* To Margery Harryes 3*s.* 4*d.* To Sir Stephen Gooldisborough to pray for my soul 66*s.* 8*d.* To Master Henry Daubney a bason and ewer of silver, "wt iij flysses woll in the bothom." To John Skewis a bason and an ewer of silver. To the Monastery of Mountague £10. To 2 children of my daughter Margaret Bamfeld[1] £20, etc. To 2 children of my daughter Anne[2] £20, etc. To my "Suster Wroughton[3] a Ryng of the passion," etc. I give to be divided amongst the Monks of Glastonbery on the day of my burial £10. I will that there be ordained a "sadde preest wt oute cure" to syng a trentall during a whole year after my decease, taking for his labour £10. I will that 5 children be had and "founde to gramer Scole" by the discretion of my executors there "to the tyme they be able to go to Oxford," each of them to have 26*s.* 8*d.* a year to pray for me and my friends. To the high ways of Southpet and Northpet £10. I ordain the aforenamed Richard Bear Lord Abbot of Glastonbury, John Skewys and Sir Stephen Gooldisborough parson of Northpet my executors. All other my debts and goods to be distributed for my soul and for the soul of my good husband Sir John Byconell and Jane his wife, John Seymour, for the soule of Sir William Seyntmaur my son, the souls of my father and mother, Godfather and Godmothers, the soul of my brother William

[1] Wife of Wm. B. of Poltimore.
[2] Anne wife of Rob. Stowel of Cothelstone.
[3] Testatrix and her sister Jane were daughters of Sir Richard Chock; the latter married Sir Christopher Wroughton of Broadhinton, Wilts.

Chock, of my brethern and "sustren" and all Christian souls. To the said Lord of Glastonbury towards the building of Our Lady Chapel £20. To the said John Skewys £10, and to the said Sir Stephen 5 marks. To the chapel of Glastonbury "late bielded" by my husband Sir John Byconell and me for the maintenance of the ornaments of the same £10. To the highway between Shirborne and Shaftynsbery £10. To a highway besides Bekyngton called Chepmans Slade £5. I will that the goods bequeathed by me to Jane Sayntmaur, daughter unto my son Sir William remain in the custody of my 2 executors until the coming home of my Lord of Glastonbury; afterwards the same to be delivered to him and to rest in his hands until she be 13 years old. I ordain to be supervisors of this my will my Lord Daubney and Sir John Mordaunte and I bequeath to the former 40 marks and to the latter 20 marks.

Witnesses: Robert More, Bernard Oldom, clerk, John Saunders, clerk, John Calveley, clerk, Richard Hervy, John Smyth, senior "wt moo."

Proved at Lambeth, July 15th, 1504.

[Leland III, 116. Monuments at Glastonbury. In capella S. Mariæ a Bor. part. Chori in cancello Iohannes Biconel Miles et Elizabeth Gul. Semar Miles in eadem volta.]

1504. JOHN WALLES.

[15 Holgrave.]

August 1st, 1504. John Walles, canon residenciary of the cathedral church of Lincoln, if I die near London then I will that my executors cause my body to be buried within the cathedral church of St. Paul, London, but if I die near Lincoln then I will that my body should be buried within the cathedral church there in the manner specified in my other will written on parchment with my own hand, and if I die elsewhere then my body shall be buried at the discretion of my executors. I will that immediately after my death an honest priest shall be provided by my executors, who shall celebrate for 20 continuous years for the health of my soul, and the souls of my parents and of my friends and all the faithful in Christ in the church of All Saints of Waltham in Lynsay where I was born and to this priest I bequeath for his stipend yearly to be paid to him during the term of the said

20 years £5 sterling. Moreover I will that the same priest shall observe divine offices and services in his surplice by officiating, singing and chanting on festivals there according as the other perpetual chaplain there is bound to do in accordance with the foundation of his chantry. I bequeath to the parishioners of the parish churches of Chiddesey, diocese of Bath and Wells, 20*s.*, and of Berwell with Stapleton 20*s.*, Messingham Lincoln diocese 20*s.*, of Fystaton 20*s.*, of Bygbie 20*s.*, of Batysford 20*s.*, also to the parishioners of the prebends of Farodon 20*s.*, of Balderton 20*s.*

Residue: Master Hugh Oldam and Master Simon Stalworth, Sub-dean of the cathedral church of Lincoln, Cristofer Middilton, bachelor in laws, William Miller, notary public, Richard Vincent and William Hatclyffe "*generosis*," Master John Pickering and Master Thomas Wright, sacrist of the cathedral church of Lincoln whom I make my executors (to each of whom £5).

Overseer: Sir William Turwhitt, knt., my very dear friend. To George Vincent, Anthony Vincent, and "Posthemio" Vincent their unborn brother £40 equally to be divided between them. To the nuns of St. Katerine at Lincoln 20*s.* To the nuns of Grymmysbye 6*s.* 8*d.* To the nuns of Cokewell 6*s.* 8*d.*

Proved [no date].

1504. WILLIAM BYSSHOP.

[20 Holgrave.]

October 11th, 1504. William Bysshop of Charleton Camvyle (in diocese of Bath). My body to be buried in the churche of Charleton. To the cathedral church of Wellys, 12*d.* To make a crosse in the strete at Charleton 20*s.* To the Priour of Bruton 20*s.* and to every chanon in the house one ewe. To Richard Abbot 10 hoggys. To Sir James vicar of Charletõn 7*s.* in money. To William Long 40*s.* in money. To John Plompton 40*s.* in money. I will that Cristian my wif shall fynde an honest secular preest to syng in the churche of Charleton for my soule and for the soule of John Long, William Kydford, Agnes my wif and for all our frends soules by the space of a hole yere. I will that Cristian my wyf shal have a tenement at Bratton

during hir liff which I purchesse late of the Lord Zouch and after hir decesse I will it remayn to Richard Abbot and to his assignes. I will that Cristian my wif shall have all the londs and teñts in Horsyngdon and Zouche's Marshe thies vi yeres and half, and if it haꝑꝑ the said Cristian to dye or the vi yeres and half come up, then I will that all the same londs and teñts in Horsyngdon and Zouche's Marsh shal remayn to John Plompton or his assignes to the tyme that the soṁe of money be full paied as it apperith in the Indentur made betwene Wiłłm Kydford and me. The residue of all my goodes not bequethed I geve and bequeth to Cristian my wif whom I make and ordeyne mỹn executrice and the Prior of Bruton, Robert Gilbert esquyer and John Plompton to be supervisours of this my testament and thus witnesseth Sir James Oldefeld, vicar of Charleton, Ric. Samford, Ric. Abbot, Thomas Harryes and other.

Proved at Lambeth, November 9th, 1504.

1504. WILLIAM WADHAM.

[34 Holgrave.]

October 20th, 1504. William Wadham of Comflory in the countie of Somerset. My body to be buried in holy torffe where it please God I shall take mỹn ende. And all my goods I geve and bequeath to Alice my wif whom I make mỹn executrice, she to pay my detts. And thies to bere witness, Richard Arnold of Taunton and Thomas Boyse and other.

Proved at Lambeth, July 1st, 1505.

1504. JOHN ALYNE.

[33 Holgrave.]

November 20th, 1504. John Alyne in the presence of Master Edmund Walsch curate of the parish church of Banwell and of Alice Alyne, of John and others make my will: my body to be buried in the church of Banwell aforsaid: to the four lights of the same church 12*d.*: to the high altar for tithes forgotten 40*d.* To Master Edmund curate there 40*d.*, to the bells 12*d.*, to the same church "*unum scutum de quinque vulneribus Christi*": to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 20*d.*: to the holy water Clerk one greentunic.

Residue: Alice my wife and John my son (executors).

Overseers: my cousin (*cognatum*) Sir John Alyne and John Alyne my brother.

Proved July 1st, 1505.

1504. THOMAS WADE.

[33 Holgrave.]

January 3rd, 1504. Thomas Wade, unworthy priest and one of the chaplains of the new college of St. Anne next the [ ] in the city of Wells. My body to be buried in the eastern "*panella*" of the cloister of the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells before the image of the holy crucifix, or in a place near the door of the new chapel of the B.M.V. in the same chapel as may be most convenient. I will that the office of the dead be solemnly held and celebrated for my soul in the chapel of St. Anne within the said college by my fellows of the same college and I will that each of them being personally at the office of the dead and at the mass of Requiem celebrated there as the custom is shall have and receive 12*d.* To each canon and vicar of the aforesaid cathedral church and to each fellow of the said college being present at the bearing of my body from the said college to the said cathedral church 4*d.*, and to each altarist and chorister of the said cathedral church 1*d.* To each canon and vicar of the said cathedral church being present at my burial and celebrating mass of Requiem in the choir of the said cathedral church 12*d.*, and to each altarist and chorister being present there 1*d.* To each canon and vicar and to each fellow of the said college being present when my body shall be committed to the grave 2*d.*, and to each altarist and chorister being present 1*d.* To the sacrist of the said cathedral church for ringing 3*s.* 4*d.* To the fabric of the said cathedral church 26*s.* 8*d.* I will that 20*s.* be distributed to poor persons living within the said city where my executors shall think fit for the health of my soul. To the Prior and convent of the Carthusian house of [ ] one pair of white vestments or 13*s.* 4*d.* to celebrate my obit there as is accustomed to be done for the brothers of the same house.

Residue: to my executors, viz., Master Thomas Goldwych canon residenciary of the aforesaid cathedral church, John Wade my brother and Sir John Gravesby priest and my cousin.

(To each of them 20*s.*)
Proved July 1st, 1505.

[In two places the names are omitted in the MS.]

1504. SIR JOHN TOWER.

[33 HOLGRAVE.]

February 20th, 1504. Sir John Towre of Queen Camell. My body to be buried in the parish church of Camell aforesaid. To the cathedral church of Wells 2*s.* To Sir William Amys for the celebration of a lesser trental for my soul to be said by note 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish church of Sowth Cadbury 2*s.* To Robert Thorne and my sister all things which belong to my bed with all my gowns (except one) and one basin and all his iron which he had and no more.

Residue: Sir William Amys and Robert Morys (executors) (to each 6*s.* 8*d.*) To dispose it to the use of the parish church of Camell aforesaid. In witness whereof I have placed my seal.

Witnesses: John Wyne, Thomas Bakehowse and John Draper with many others.

Proved July 1st, 1505.

1504. JOHN CARTER *ALS.* COX.

[33 HOLGRAVE.]

February 24th, 1504. John Carter *als.* Cox. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. Nicholas of Kelveston near the grave of William Carter my father. To the cathedral church of SS. Peter and Paul of Bath 12*d.* To the church of St. Nicholas of Kelveston 40*s.* and one cow. To my ghostly father for tithes forgotten and to pray for my soul 20*s.* To Agnes my wife 200 sheep as they come from the fold, and all stuff of household and of husbandry, belonging to three ploughs, one waggon excepted, which I give to William my son. To the same William one silver goblet one coverlet 10 marcs and 100 sheep. I will that Robert my son have that which comes beyond the rent of the Rectory of Weston to his exhibition. To Joan my daughter £10. To Richard my son 10 marcs and 100 sheep. To Edith my daughter 10 marcs and 100 sheep.

Residue: Robert Carter my son, William at Wod, and William Chaney (executors).

Witnesses: John Wycks, clerk, John Fox, clerk, Thomas Tybot.

No date of proof.

1504. JOHN FOXE.

[9 HOLGRAVE.]

March 8th, 1504. John Foxe. My body to be buried at the door in the parish church of Hwish [probably Huish Episcopi]. To the mother church of Wells 12*d.* To the said church of Huysh 100 lbs. of lead. To Richard and John my sons, Susan, Joan, and Alice my daughters, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* (each).

Residue: Agnes my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: William Gateryn, William Walsh and others.

Proved May 2nd, 1504.

1504. JOHN FLEMING.

[34 HOLGRAVE.]

March 11th, 1504. John Flemyng of Glastonbury, my body to be buried in the churchyard of B.M. within the monastery. To the four lights of the church of St. John Baptist in Glaston 16*d.* To the repair of the highways of Strete and Sowey 8*d.* To John my son 2 quarters of woode [woad]. To Joan my daughter a pyppe of wode, one girdle of silver, purpyll corse, one girdle of cloth of blue colour, one pair of beads of corall with gauds of silver and gilt containing 9 setts, one feather bed, one brass pot containing 2 gallons, 1 pan containing 2 gallons, 12 potts of pewter. To Isabel my daughter one girdle silver and gilt, a venyse[1] corse, one pair of beads of corall with gauds of silver and gilt containing 9 setts, after the death of my wife, 1 pippe of wode, one brass pot containing 2 gallons, one pan containing 2 gallons, one feather bed, 12 potts of pewter. To William Paynell one matres, one pair of blankets with a coverlet and half-a-dozen pewter.

Residue: Alice my wife (executrix).

[1] *Test. Ebor.* iv, 201.

Witnesses: Sir John Andrew, Sir John Stevyns, Robert Page and Robert Hendi and others.

Proved July 21st, 1505.

1504. ROBERT CHAPMAN.

[16 HOLGRAVE.]

March 20th, 1504. Robert Chapman, citizen of the city of Bath, my body to be buried in the parish church of St. Michael the Archangel without the north gate of the said city. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the parish church of St. Michael without the north gate 3*s.* 4*d.* To the chapel of St. Katerine the Virgin of the same city 10*s.* To Agnes Kypping my daughter 20*s.* To Richard Kippinge 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Kyppynge one "crymsyn" gown furred.

Residue: Alice Chapman my wife and Thomas Chapman my son (executors). In witness of which I have placed my seal.

Witnesses: Thomas Waren, rector there, John Stayner and John Cuffyn.

Proved at Lambeth, August 19th, 1504.

1505. SIR JOHN HYDE.

[34 HOLGRAVE.]

1505. Sir John Hyde perpetual vicar[1] of the parish church of the B.M.[2] of Wynsham, my body to be buried in holy grave of the said church. Fabric of the church of Wells 40*d.* Church of Wynsham 13*s.* 4*d.* Fraternity of the B.M. of Byrtown 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: John Hyde and John Symys (executors).

Overseer: John Farechyd.

Item, a priest to celebrate for one whole year to have for his labour 20 nobles.

Proved at Lambeth, June 16th, 1505.

1505. THOMAS BAKEHOUSE.

[33 HOLGRAVE.]

April 14th, 1505. Thomas Bakehouse of Queen Camell, my body to be buried in the parish church of Camell aforesaid. To

[1] 1498, Nov. 29, John Hyde instituted, *Somerset Incumbents*, 468.

[2] Dioc. Kal. gives *St. Stephen* as the present dedication of Winsham.

the cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* To the four lights of the said church to each of them 6*d.* To my curate for tithes forgotten 12*d.*

Residue: Secily my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: William Amys and John Boryng and John Fonten. Proved July 1st, 1505.

1505. WILLIAM KNYGHT.

[33 Holgrave.]

April 30th, 1505. William Knight, my body to be buried within the church of Yatton. To the said church 10*s.* To the Moder churche of Wells 4*d.* To chȳch Comysbery 20*d.* To the church of Kyngeston Semor 20*d.* To the chapel of Kenne 8*d.* To the 4 orders of freers in Bristow 30*s.*, for to have 18 score masses said for me. To a preest to pray for me the space of half-a-yere 4 marcs. To Water my sōn 8*li.* To John my sōn 8*li.* To every of my doughters 8*li.* If it so be that any of my children decesse, the said money to be departed to theym that be lefte on lyve. To Water and John my sōnys an annuytie of money 6*s.* 8*d.* lying in Kyngeston Seymor which I hold by indentur of John Yede by the yere. To Isabell my wif and John my sōn a certeyn grownde lying in Kyngeston Seymor which I holde by indentur of John Leverege.[1] To Isabell my wif a parcell of land lying at Pfyppys Brige which I hold by endentur, and after the decesse of Isabell my wif the said lond to remayne to John my son. Also another parcell of land lying in Kyngeston Seymor which is called Spenser's that I hold by endentur, I geve to Isabell my wife and after the decesse of hir the said lond to remayne to Water my sōn. Also if it happen that my wif and Water my son and John my son decesse afore my doughters, all the said londs above named shall remayne unto my doughters. Also I make my supervisors John Knyght, Edmund Kene, Thomas Knyght. Also I geve to every of theym 6*s.* 8*d.* for their labour. Also the residue of my goods not bequeathed I geve and grant to Isabell my wif whom I make myn executrice to dispose to the pleasur of God and profitte to

[1] *Sic* MS., but see p. 32.

my soule. Also record thus, Sir John Yorke curate, Richard Smyth clerk, John Thurbān, John Hervo, John Bene.

Proved at Lambeth, July 1st, 1505.

1505. JOHN BELDE.

[34 Holgrave.]

May 8th, 1505. John Belde of Martoke, my body to be buried in holy grave of the church of St. Candida the Virgin of Whitchurche [Dorset]. To the Vicar of Martoke for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Martoke 6*s.* 8*d.* To the cathedral church of Wells 40*d.* To Thomas Belde my son 40*s.* and 2 oxen.

Residue: Wm. Belde and Sir John Belde priest my son (executors).

Witnesses: Sir Robert Bourde[1] perpetual vicar of the parish church of St. Candida aforesaid, Sir Wm. Shoram chaplain and John Coland.

Proved July 9th, 1505.

1505. ROBERT NEDYS.

[17 Adeane.]

May 17th, 1505. Robert Nedys, my body to be buried in Christian grave. To Seint Androwes churche, 10*s.*, and to the high aulter of Congrysbury 2*s.*, and to the high light, 12*d.* and to Seint Mighhels chapell the rente of the hous at Estyn in Gordani for the space of 20 yere if there be a prest founde to syng for the brethern, and if not, the same rente to kepe an obite for me and my frendys in the churche of Congrysbury unto the terme be at an ende. To John my son 10 marcs to be payde in suche stuff as there is. The remaynder of all my goods not bequethed to Agnes my wife and Edmund my sonne whom I make my true executours to dispose for the welth of my soule as they think best.

Proved at Lambeth, January 30th, 1506.

[1] Instituted Sept. 8, 1494, died 1534. (Hutchins' *Dorset.*)

1505. LADY ELISABETH BICCOMB.

[33 Holgrave.]

May 21st, 1505. Lady Elisabeth Biccomb of Crowcomb, widow, my body to be buried in holy grave in the church of Crowcombe next the body of Hugh Biccomb my late husband. To the repair of the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the repair of the high altar of the church of Crowcomb three sheets with one napkin. To the parish church of Stokegomere an image of the Holy Trinity made of stone and one sheet. All my debts being paid I will that Richard Bluett dispose the residue of all my goods for the welfare of my soul and of my friends' souls.

Executor: Richard Bluett.

Witnesses: Hugh Roger, clerk, John Oldeman and Thomas Fenner.

Proved June 23rd, 1505.

1505. ISABEL BAKER.

[10 Adeane.]

May 27th, 1505. Isabell Baker of Throwbridge in the countie of Wiltes, widow. My body to be buried in the church of Seynt Jamys of Trowbridge aforsaid. To the moder church of Sarum 4*d.* To the high aulter of Throwbridge for forgoten tithes, 12*d.* To Alice Dawntesay a cupbord, an almery and a bedstede. To Ambres Dawntesay a spruce borde. To John Dawntesay off Trowbridge aforesaid, squyer, to his heirs and assignes all my londs and tenements medowes lesues and woods within the towne and parisshe of Wells in the countie of Somersett for ever. The residewe of all my goods not bequethed, to John Dawntesay aforesaid whom I make my executor that he dispose for the welthe of my soule in the best way he can or may. And I make my overseers William Clevelode the elder and Sir John May curate of Throwbridge. Thies witness, William Clevelode the yonger, William Cudbert, John Harte, John Barnard and many other.

Proved at Lambeth, August 13th, 1506.

1505. THOMAS HARDYNG.

[35 Holgrave.]

June 30th, 1505. Thomas Hardyng of the parisshe of Seynt Stephen in Bristow. My body to be buried in the parisshe churche of Seynt Stephen nygh unto the sepultur of Mawde late my wiffe within the said parisshe church. To the cathedrall church of Our Blissed Lady of Worcet^r^ 12*d.* To the High Aulter of the said parisshe church of Seynt Stephen for oblacions and tithes forgoten 3*s.* 4*d.* I geve and bequeth to the said church a masse book imprynted and 2 books of "pryck-song" whereby Godd's service may be the better observed and kept in the said church. To the parisshe churche of Seynt Thomas the Martir in Bristoll 12*d.* I will that wheras Richard Shadwell and all other that ben seased and infeoffed of and in my mano^r^ of Charleton by Wroxhale with the purtenance sett and lying in the countie of Somersett and other my londs and tenements medowes wodes pastures rents reuersions and services with thappurtenances in the parisshe of Wroxhale beforesaid and Portbury in the said countie and ellswhere within the said countie and in the realme of England, that they and eche of theym immediatly after my decesse stand and be seased and infeoffed of and in the said mano^r^ with thappurtenances and all other the premisses to the use of the said Richard Shadwell and off his heirs and assignes, in fee for ever, paying to the chief lords therof rents and services of olde tyme to theym due and accustomed. I will that the said Richard Shadwell have the yssues and profitts of my said londs to fynde an honeste preest to syng for my soule and for the soule of Mawde my wif, my fader, my moder, and all other that I am bound to pray for and for all cristen soules, so that the said Richard Shadwell peasably enjoye all my londs and tenements. I will that my said feoffees and eche of theym that ben seasid or enfeoffed of and in eny londs or tenements rents reversions and services which are descended to me by inheritance from myn auncetors and not by my purchesse, that they make therof a state to the next heyres of my bloode. The residue of all my goodes, catalls and detts moevable and unmoevable wheresoever they may be founde, I geve and bequeth to the said Richard Shadwell whom I make and

ordeyne myn executor of this my present testament and last will and Humfrey Browne oversear to whom I geve and bequeth for his labor 40*s.* sterling. In witness wherof my confessor Sir William Hawks, Willm my servant, Richard Williams and other moo beryng the date the day and yere above written.

Proved at Lambeth, August 8th, 1505.

1505. THOMAS SAWELL.

[34 Holgrave.]

July 2nd, 1505. Sir Thomas Sawell, rector of the parish church of Maperton diocese of Bath and Wells, my body to be buried in the chancel of the said church before the image of St. Paul the Apostle there. To the fabric of the church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* To make one window in the chancel of Maperton aforesaid 23*s.* To the church of the blessed Nicholas of Halton [Holton] 8*d.* To the rector of the church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Vicar of the church of Charleton Camvyle 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Rector of the church of Blakeford 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Rector of the church of Compton Paunscefote 6*s.* 8*d.* To each of my godsons 6*s.* 8*d.* and one silver spoon. To the four orders of friars of Bristow 26*s.* 8*d.* To each couple holding domicile and dwelling within the parish of Maperton aforesaid 6*s.* 8*d.* To each widower and widow having domicile within the said parish of Maperton 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: William Hanam and John his son (executors).

Overseer: Master William Caraunt, armiger, of Tomer, to him 40*s.*

Witnesses: Rector of Halton, Vicar of Charleton Camvyle, Rector of Blackford, Rector of Compton, Richard Clothear senior of Maperton, Richard Clother junior, of the same and many others.

Proved July 21st, 1505.

1505. JOHN WYTCOME.

[34 Holgrave.]

July 6th, 1505. John Wytcome of Axbrigge, my body to be buried in the parish church of St. Andrew the Apostle of Mellys To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the church of St,

Andrew of Mellys 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish church of Axbrigge 6*s.* 8*d.* To each light in the parish church of Axbrigge 4*d.* To John Wytcombe my son £20 with a silver salt, the best one excepted, one short "*toga graveta*"[1] with a doublet of black damask. To Roger my son £20 and my best silver cup, and a doublet of silk with a gown. To Thomas my son £20 and my second best silver cup with a doublet of grey silk. To William my son £20 and my third silver cup, with a doublet of black chamlete. To Agnes my daughter £20 and a gilt girdle with the best gown of her mother's now deceased. To Joan my daughter £20 and the second gown of her mother's with another girdle, and a pair of beads of corall to be divided between the two sisters. To Robert Wyche 40*s.* and I make him my overseer.

Residue: Elen my wife.

Between my six sons 12 spoons. I will that Elen my wife have the house in which she lives during her widowhood until the time of the lawful age of my son John, and if she be married within that time, then it shall remain to my son John. To Roger my son one close called Colvere close during the term noted in writing given to him. I will that Elen my wife find a suitable priest to pray for me and my benefactors for one whole year, and if it shall happen that any of my sons die within their lawful age, then their share shall go to find a priest to the value of such share.

Witnesses: Sir Henry Davy curate of Melles, Robert Wyche and Thomas Cabell with many more.

Proved July 21st, 1505.

1505. WILLIAM HANAM.

[41 Holgrave.]

July 20th, 1505. William Hanam, my body to be buried in the church of Horsyngton. To the church of Wells 12*d.* To the light of the high cross of Horsyngton 12*d.* To William Henston curate of Horsynton 13*s.* 4*d.* Richard Hanam, William Hanam, Joan Hanam, Alice Kyng, Richard Hanam (each) one cow. The church of Horsyngton one cow.

[1] Graveta, armorum species. (*Ducange.*)

Residue: Richard Hanam and William Hanam my sons (executors).

Overseer: Master William Carent, armiger, of Tomer (to him 40*s.*)

Witnesses: William Henston, curate of Horsyngton, John Stary senior, Robert Lauerans and many others.

Proved October 27th, 1505.

1505. JOHN ORGLEY.

[38 Holgrave.]

August 20th, 1505. I, John Orgley, bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of the B.V.M. "de Brode Marston" [Marston Magna]. To the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, 6*d.* The residue of my goods to Johane my wife and Richard Barbor, and I make them my executors, and Giles Peny supervisor of this my will. In witness whereof, these being present, I have put my seal.

Proved at Lambeth, October 27th, 1505.

1505. ROBERT BRENTT, ESQ.

[8 Bennett.]

August 27th, 1505. Robert Brentt "*armiger ac dominus de Cosyngton.*" My body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of the B.M. of Cosyngton. To the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 20*s.* To the glazing of a window in the tower of the parish church of Cosyngton 40*s.* I will that Joan my sister have her food and clothing of John my son and heir while she lives. To the prior of Byrkyll 20*d.* To the friars minor of Bridgwater 6*s.* 8*d.* To the poor of the house of blessed Margaret near Tawnton 20*d.* To Alexander Hody now rector of Byschford 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir Richard Mylcome, rector of Cosyngton 6*s.* 8*d.* To John my son and heir, my chest where lie my evidences with all things contained in it.

Residue: Joan my wife and John my son and heir (executors).

Witnesses: Sir Richard Mylcome my curate, John Nett junior, and John Joce. I leave Sir George Nawll, chaplain of

Ford[1] 20*d.* To John the hermit of St. Thomas super Powldom 4*d.*

Proved November 7th, 1508.

1505. ROBERT WIDEWE.

[38 Holgrave.]

August 31st, 1505. I, Robert Widewe, sub-dean of the cathedral church of Wells, make my will in this manner. I bequeath my body to be buried in the cathedral church of Wells afore Bishop Josselyn[2] in the south ile of the said church. To my neveu Thomas Widewe 5 marks in money, to be leveyed of such goods as I have, to that entent that yf he will be a man of the world to bynd hym prentise unto some honest merchant. Also toward the exhibition of some well disposed preest that giveth hymself to study of Holy Divinitie in Oxford or Cambrigge, chosyñ by the mynde of mỹn executors, 5*li.* in money for 3 yeres next after my decesse, to pray for me and for all theym that I have bẽn occasion of synne unto, either by word either by deed, whom I wold he shulde remember both in his first memento and his last memento, by cause som̃ be lyving and som̃ be ded. The residue of all my goods not bequethed I put in the hand for dispositions of Mr. Edmund Mille esquyre and Sir John Jenỹn, preest, whom I ordeyne and make mỹn executors to dispose theym for the well of my soule and my fader and moder and all cristen soules; to whom I bequeath for their labor my 6 best gownes, that ys for to say, my new gowne furred with foynes with the hoode to Mr. Edmund Mille and my skarlett gowne with the hoode to Sir John Jenỹn provided alwey that before all things they pay my funeralls and debts or see that they be paid, and that I will adde to this my testament and dymynsche from the same att my pleasur as long as I have lyve, and bicause executors shulde be more diligent in disposing of such litell of my goods as shalbe lefte, I will that eche of theym have the occupacion and chose of all such stuffe as shalbe solde, and that better chepe than any other man or woman, so that they geve any thying lykely to the value thereof except my

[1] Ford, a hamlet with chapel in Bawdrip. Collinson, iii, 91.
[2] Bp. 1206–42.

best bedde with the apparel which I bequeth to Richard Coke my servant. In witness whereof I have desired Mr. Robert Williamson notary to write this my last will with his owne hande the day and yere above rehersed.

Proved at Lambeth, October 27th, 1505.

[Robert Widowe, Canon, installed Sub-Dean of Wells, May 28, 1500; he had previously been admitted Canon Residentiary, Feb. 26, 1500; mentioned as Succentor, Feb. 5, 1499. *Le Neve's Fasti*, i, 157.]

1505. SYMON FYSCHARE.

[40 HOLGRAVE.]

September 4th, 1505. Symon Fyschare, merchant of Taunton. My body to be buried where it pleaseth God. I bequeath to the High Crosse service of Mawdeleyn church in Taunton my best gowne to be praide for as a broder. To the sepulcre service of the same church my secunde best gowne to be praid for as a brother. To every broder of Mawdeleyn church that syngith at my dirige and masse, first to master vicary 12*d.*, to every preest 8*d.*, to every clerk 4*d.* To the towr of Mary Mawdeleyn in Taunton a hoge hede of Iron.[1] To Master Prior of Taunton for my forgoten tithes 40*s.* or ellse a pype of Iron. To my brother Master Jamys Fischare a pippe of ood of 5 marks, waranthyd. Also my will ys that ther be 26*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* of my goods in valor of the some other ellse money for it to be leyde into Mawdlyn church for to fynde a preest syngynt for me and my wif for my children for my fader, moder, brethren, sustern and for all Cristen soules while this money will endure. To Alexander my son my place at Wilton called Osbrondesal place which I holde of my lord the Prior of Taunton with the lands thereto longyng. Plus to hym my fynable lands that I holde of my lord bishop, he to fulfil all such charges as I am bounden to doo by my fader's will. Also my will ys that he have these lands before written or ellse 10*li.* of sterling money for hit but my will is that Johane my wif occupy thies lands during hir lif, my son not to sey hir nay in payne of 100*li.* Also I bynde hir or who so mary with hir that after hir deth hit retorne to my son as my will ys before, or ellse a 100*li.* for it,

[1] See *S.R.S.*, xvi, 372 (*n*).

whosoever kepe hym from hit, to this I bynd my wif. Also I bequeath to my son Alexander my Rukeheye, my saffron gardyn, to hym and to his heirs for evermore, after the decesse of his moder my wif; she to geve, beyng on lyve, for my fader and my moder for me and all good doers every friday in the yere 3*d.* in white brede made in ferthingbrede to the poore almys in the churchyarde, oon weke in the oon lane and the other weke in the other lane. And to this I bynde myn heirs for evermore. Plus to Alice my doughter the right of the place that was Philippe Artour's with the land, also my medow in Holwey lane and my land at Blakebrooke after the decesse of hir moder or ells 6*li.* for hit the place of Philippe Artour, she to have myn yeres after hir moder's decesse. Also I bequeath my land the which is called Longland to Anne my doughter after the decesse of hir moder. Also to Thomas my son my place at Wilton in the which Symon Weber dwelleth in, with the lond thereto longyng he fyndyng 5 tapers before St. Katheryn in Mawdelyn church. Plus, to Alexander my sone other which of thies my children shall fortune to be myn heyre after the decesse of Johane my wif to have my motte with the fisshes, and so to goo from heir to heyre. As for the overplus of my goods moevable that I have at home and byend [beyond]. These which is by end these owyng to me and at home be by boke and by any bellys that is dewe first my detts to be paid of the overplus of my goods I make Johane my wif, Alexander my son and Alice my doughter myn executors. That is to wite my goods to be devided in 3 parts, that is to my wif the oon part and the other 2 parts to my children for everych oon a lyke moche. Also notwithstanding all these conditions before rehersed, I will that Alexander, Alice, Anne and Thomas my children have every of theym 20*li.* sterling or of the plate in 3*s.* an unce gilte and 2*s.* 4*d.* parcell gilte the said children to have the choyce after their moder's decesse if they lyve unto the tyme of mariage. If any of theym die before they be maried at the church dore his parte that dyeth to be parted to the children that reste on lyve. If all dye to oon, to retorne all to oon. If all dye or they be maried I will that their parts retorne to the church to the 26*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* therewith to fynde a preest while it is able to fynde oon, at Seynt Nicholas awter in Mawdlyn

church. Also I will that the moder of my children or who so mary with hir to fynde my children honestly to the tyme of mariage or ells the said children to have xl*li.* sterling and pece as is afore spoken and some loving frende to fynde theym with their owne goods. First I will that my detts be paid that is dewe to be paid when my detts be paid. I will that my goods be deported and set in some sewre place by the counseill of the overseers of my will, Master Jamys Fyssher, Master Vicary of Mawdelyn, whosoever be vicary, having every of theym for their labor 20*s.* sterling.

Proved at Lambeth, November 29th, 1505.

1505. LEONARD LEPTON.

[38 Holgrave.]

September 23rd, 1505. Leonard Lepton "within the jurisdiction of Glaston," my body to be buried in the churchyard of the monastery of the B.M. of Glaston and all my goods moveable and immoveable to Johane my wife and Ralph Lepton my brother whom I make my executors.

Present: Robert Stafford vicar of Weston and Robert Page.

Proved October 27th, 1505.

1505. ROBERT KNYGHT.

[18 Adeane.]

December 9th, 1505. Robert Knyght, my body to be buried in the chapel of St. Michael of Comesbury. To the mother church of Wells 4*d.* For tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.*; Sir John Torne 3*s.* 4*d.*; the high light of the said church of Comisbery 12*d.*; the three other lights 18*d.*; church of Yatton 8*d.*; "*Genofero*" one bushel of corn.

Residue: John Spurd° (executor).

Proved January 30th, 1506.

1505. JOHN WYTCUMBE, JUNIOR.

[5 Adeane.]

January 18th, 1505. John Wytcumbe junior, of Axbrige, son of John Wytcumbe senior. My body to be buried in the

parish church of St. John the Baptist of Axbrige. To the cathedral church of St. Andrew the Apostle of Wells 6*d.* To the high altar in the church of Axbrige 4*d.* Master John Stawnton my curate 4*d.* Sir John Punter 4*d.* to pray for my soul. To the lights in the said parish church 6*d.* I will that John Witcumbe my cousin and John Bythesee have the custody of £20 remaining in the custody of Elen Frerys lately widow and executrix of my father which sum my father left me in his will and I will that after my debts and funeral expenses are paid by my executors J. W. and J. B. the rest of the £20 be spent in finding an honest secular priest to celebrate for my soul in the parish church of Axbrige.

Residue: John Witcumbe and John Bythesee (executors).

Witnesses: Master John Staunton curate of Axbrige, Sir John Punter, chaplain of the same parish.

Proved March 13th, 1505.

1505. THOMAS CHAMPNES.

[31 Adeane.]

February 9th, 1505. Thomas Champeneys, thelder, of Frome Selwode in the countie of Somersett esquyer, my body to be buried in the parisshe church where it shall happe me to dwell or to be at, the tyme of my decesse. To the werks of the cathedrall church of Seynt Andrewes of Wellys 20*d.* I will that myn executors under written provide and ordeyne an honest preest to syng for my soule and the soules of Henry and Elisabeth my fader and moder, of John, Walter, Johane, Johanne, Thomas, William, John, Robert and John by the space of ij yeres next ensuyng aftir my decesse in the churche where it shall fortune me to be buried taking yerely for his salary and wages £6 of lawfull english money. To the Charterhouse of Henton 20*s.* to pray for my soule and the soule of Thomas. Also I will that my wif and other myn executors in all goodely and convenyent hast after my decesse ordeyne to be said for my soule, the soules of my fader and moder and of Robert John William John and Thomas 300 masses and 300 diriges by freers and suches preests as have no benefices ne services, yeving to every preest for a masse and dirige 3*d.* To my maister Sir

Thomas Tyrell of Herne in the countie of Essex knight oon of my best peces of silver and gilt and other stuffes to the value of £3 or my ryng with the torkeys at the discrecion of my wife to be goode maister to my wif. I will that 12*s.* in money or money worth be delivered to thexecutors or admynistrators of Sir Water Deveraux late Lord Ferres if any be they, to doo with the same for the soule of the said Sir Walter. And if noo executors or admynistrators can be founde then I will they deliver the saide 12*s.* to the werks of the cathedral church of Seynt Andrewes of Wellys. Also I will that William Leeckeford of Monkeston 2 myles from Quarley in Hampshire have 40*s.* in money and money worth after the discrecion of myn executors, the said 40*s.* to be paied at thies tymes folowing, att Ester next comyng 6*s.* 8*d.*, att Mighelmas then next folowing 6*s.* 8*d.*, and soo at every of Ester and Mighelmas unto the tyme the som of 40*s.* be paied, the said William to pray for my soule and the soules of John Leckeford fader to the saide William. Also I will that myn executors deliver to the churche werkes where it shall happ me to be buried 20*s.* of money and for the same 20*s.* that my name and the namys of my fader and moder, the foresaid Robert, William, Walter, John, John Thomas and John be sett in the bederoll ther to be prayed for evermore. To the house of Seynt Kateryn's beside the Towre of London whereof I am steward 20*s.* in money toward some charitable deeds to be doon there but I will in noo wise that the said 20*s.* be delivered there ne to noon other of his brethern nor sustern but that it be bestowed by myn executors in maner and forme abovesaide by me bequethed. I will that thexors or admynistrators of Sir Thomas Seyntmaure have £4 in money or money worth they to distribute hit for the soule of the said Sir Thomas soo that I peaceably enjoye and have all the offices and fees graunted to me by the said Sir Thomas or ells nothing they to have. To John Agmondeshm̃ and to Emme his wife oon of my doughters a pece of silver and gilte callid a Colymbeine pece weying 30 unces and a quarter. To Richard my sonne, Anne and Isabell my doughters to every of theym stuffe, goodes or plate to the value of £4 of lawfull Englishe money. I will that the remanent of my goodes &c. not bequethed be sold by myn executors to the value of £20 to goo and be to thexecucion and

performyng of this my last will and to the costs of the probate of the same. The residue to Johane my wif. And whereas I have enfeoffed Humfrey Hervy, John Agmondeshm̃, John Porteman, William Strode, Richard Champeneys gentilmen and John Champton of Cekington (*sic*) of an in all my goodes, maners, londs and tenements in Hambrige and Mountague in the countie of Somersett, and of and in myn other lands and tenements &c. in the shires of Somersett and Wilteshire to have to theym theire heires and assignes for evermore, I will that my said feoffees and other feoffees by them to be made, stand and be feoffed in all my said hole maners londs and tenements and other premisses during my said wiff's liffe, except of londs and tenements to the yerely value of 50*s*. over all charges, of which londs I will that immediately after my deth or within a quarter of a yere after that my said feoffees make a lawfull estate to Margaret late wife to my sone Thomas to have to hir for terme of hir liffe doyng no waste in the same, and after the deth of my saide wife the said feoffees to make a lawfull estate unto the saide Margaret of theire londs and tenements to the yerely value of other 50*s*. over all charges to have to hir for terme of hir liff doyng no waste in the same. The remaynder as well of the first londs of 50*s*. as of the secunde londs of 50*s*. to the heires males of me the forsaide Thomas Champeneys thelder, and for lak of suche yssue to my heires, and for lacke of suche yssue to my right heires, for evermore. And of the residue of my said londs with their appurtenances my said wiff to take the yssues and proufitts of the same to hir owne use to the yerely value of £20 over all charges during hir lif doyng no waste in the same. And also she to have my newe place in Frome with thappurtenances, in which I dwell with convenyent and necessary fewell to be taken in my woods of Radynbury in lykewyse for terme of hir lif in full recompense of hir joyntor and reasonable dower to her belonging and beside the londs in Welles which hir fader gave hir and which I will she have withoute any lett or impedyment of my feoffees or of myn heires. Also I will that incontynent after my decesse my said son Richard have and enjoye my place in Frome which was late Thomas Craas' with thappurtenances, to hym and to his heires males and for lacke of suche yssue the remaynder therof to his heires, and for lake

of suche yssue to my heires males, and for lake of suche yssue to my heires and for lacke of suche yssue to my right heires in fee for evermore. And also of the residue of my londes that my son Richard Champeneys have yerely £4 during the life of my said wiff and unto the tyme my said detts be paid and my will perfourmed, the residue of the remanent of the revenues of the said lands to helpe to performe my said will and bequests and to pay my detts and aftir my said will performed and my detts paid and the dethe of my saide wiffe, I will that my said feoffees make an estate to my saide son Richard of all my messuages londs and tenements medowes lesues pastures woods, commons, rents, reversions and services with all their appurtenances in the townes of Hambrigge Gosebradon and Cottoñ with the hundreth of Bullesden and Abdyke within the shire of Somersett to have to hym and to his heires males, and for lake of suche yssue the remayndre to my heires males and for lake of suche yssue to his heires and for lake of suche yssue to my heires and for lake of suche to William Knoyll and to the heires of the said William and Johane late his wife my suster and for lacke of suche yssue to the right heires of me the said Thomas Champenes in fee for evermore. Also I will that my saide feoffees or their feoffees of all the residue of my saide londs and tenements after my will perfourmed, my detts paied and the dethe of my saide wife make an estate of the same to my heires males if they at that tyme be of full age. And for lacke of suche yssue the remaynder to my heires if they at tyme be of full age, and for lacke of suche yssue to my right heires in fee for evermore, if they at that tyme be of full age. And if my said son Richard decesse before the forsaide state made to hym, having suche heires as is beforesaid then I will that my feoffees make suche estate to the heires of hym of the forsaide lands as they shuld have made to the forsaide Richard if he had beñ on lyffe, if at that tyme they be of full age and able to gyde the londes, or ells all my saide londs to stande still in the hands of my feoffees tyll they bee of full age and able to gyde their londs. And in like wise my said feoffees of the residue of my londs make such estates to suche heires of me as is afore rehersid if they at that tyme be of full age or ells to stand styll in their hands tyll they be so. And during that meane tyme

with all the profitts comyng of the same saving to them their reasonable costs, charges with theire appurtenances convenyant rewards in execucion of thies premisses I will that the said heires and other children of my sons Thomas and Richard be founde to scole and to court as my said executors and feoffees think best and most convenyent. And at suche tyme as the said heires shall come to their full age I will that my feoffees make the estate according to the premisses. And whereas the maister of Seynt Kateryns beside the Towre of London by the assent of his brethren and sustern of the same house have letten and graunted to me the hole maner and township of Quarley in Hampshire to have to me and myn assignes for 21 yeres paying yerely for the same £18 of rent of which 21 yeres ther shalbe to come at Mighelmesse next ensuyng the date herof 7 yeres, and whereas also I have yerely of John Warner my fermor of Quarley aforesaid £20 of rent for the same ferme and soo yerly I have 40*s*. of geyne of the same I will the saide 40*s*. yerely go and be to the execucion of this my will and to the payment of the seid detts. Furthermore I ordeyn that if it fortune myn heire or heires that shall be or my said son Richard or his heires or any other by their assent or wyll at any time hereafter not peacibly ne quyetly to suffer my wif and other my executors or feoffees to receive all the yssues yerely comyng of my forsaid londs and tenements according to my will then I will that my feoffees and executors sell of his parte or their partes of the londes to hym or theym by me bequethed as moch of the same to execute and performe this my will as shall stretche and amount to the value of the londs or by theym or by his or their assent contrary to this my will takyn away. Furthermore I will that if parcell of my feoffees dye to 3 of theym that they shall enfeoffe 2 other honest persones of the forsaide londs to holde to them and their heyres in fee and then the said 2 feoffees to make a new feoffement to the other 3 first enfeoffed and to 3 other persones suches as the 3 will assigne, of the said londs, to holde to the said 6 persons their heyres and assigns in fee, to thentent bifore rehersid. And also as often as the said feoffees dye to 3, they doo as thes other 3 bifore rehersid should doo after the true entent of the same. Also I will that my executors and feoffees have all their costs and charges with their reasonable rewards after their conscience, of

my forsaide lands and tenements. To every of my godchildren 12*d.*, to every of my householde servants at the tyme of my dethe 6*s.* 8*d.* yf they have been my servants 2 yeres before my dethe, to be taken of my said londs so beyng in feoffement, the londs I have assigned to my wife, my son Richard and my doughter in law Margaret late wif to my son Thomas, excepted, to pray for my soule. Also I will that noo artycull or clause above written be taken or construed after the stretnysse of the lawes spirituall and temporall but that it be taken after the true entent and meanyng of this my will.

And to execute this my will I make Johane my wif my pryncipall executrice, John Agmondeshm̃ my son in lawe and Richard Champeneys my yongest son, myn executors whom I desire and pray in the way of charitie to take upon theym the same as my singular trust is on theym, above all erthely creators.

In witness whereof I have sett my seale and signe manuell the daye and yere abovesaid. Thies witness, Sir Richard Asshe, Sir William Fyssher chauntrey preest of the parissh church of Frome aforesaid, William Catcote yoman of the Croune, John Prewe, William Jakelett, William Silvester writter of the same, Henry Gebons, John Weyfere, Raffe Williams, Richard Cappe, John Panter, John Kent and other.

Proved at Lambeth, January 6th, 1507

1505. JOHN SAWNDER.

[6 Adeane.]

March 15th, 1505. John Sawnder, of Briggewater, mercer, my body to be buried in the chapell of Our Lady of the parisshe church of Briggewater. To Julian my wif, all my possession of lands and rents within the burgage of Briggewater with the west parke, and aftir the decesse of my wif, John my son shal have the place in the Freers strete. To Alys Capper, a place in the North strete by the Cawsey. To the same Alys a fetherbede, 2 blankettes, 2 shetes, a coverlett of verdure with dogges, a flockbedde, half a doseyn pewter vessell performed, a crocke, the best pan, a girdell with a broken pendant, inamelyde, a blew girdell nothing gilte. Also aftir the decesse of

my wife I woll all my possessions be parted betwẽn my childern, save only my eldest son. To John the yonger, a barne withoute the North gate. To Water my son Torytoñys House. To Raufe my son Isabell Smyths house. To Alice my servant the glovers house and the grownde by the cawsey and the grounde by the butts. Also to Water my son, the place at the West Parke. To the high aulter 4*d.* To Our Lady awter 4*d.* To the vicar 12*d.*

The residue of my goods not bequethed to Julyan my wif whom I make myn executrice that she dispose thies goodes for my soule aftir the best manner that she may.

To this witness, Mãg Robert Michell vicar of the said church and Richard Edney with other.

Proved at Lambeth, May 12th, 1506.

1506. SIMON GRENE.

[21 Bennett.]

March 26th, 1506. Symon Grene, of Bruton, merchant, my body to holy grave wherever it pleases God to separate my soul from my body. Cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.*, to the high altar of the parish church of Bruton for tithes forgotten 5*s.*, to the fabric of the nave of the said parish church 20*s.*, to the fraternity of the said parish church of Bruton to the sustentation of one chaplain celebrating there 10*s.*, to the fabric of the church of Bruton 20*d.*, to the fabric of the parish church of Yevell 6*s.* 8*d.*, to the fraternity there for the sustentation of one chaplain celebrating mass "nominis Jhesu" 3*s.* 4*d.*, to the poor of the almshouse within the said town of Yevell 6*d.*, to the repair of ways round Bruton where most need is 40*s.*, to the poor dwelling within Bruton 20*s.*, to be distributed annually for 4 years (5*s.* a year) to pray for my soul and my parents' souls. I ordain that a suitable chaplain shall celebrate for my soul and my parents and benefactors' souls in the parish church of Bruton for a year after my death, taking for his stipend £6, to the prior and convent of Bruton to pray and celebrate exequies and mass on the day of my burial 20*s.*, to be distributed equally between them and likewise to the prior and convent of the Carthusian house of Whitham for a like purpose 20*s.*, to the prior of the house of

Carmelite friars in Oxon 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that 6 poor men of the town of Bruton have 6 gowns "de le freers cloth" to pray for my soul and my parents' souls. I bequeath to each chaplain being present on the day of my burial 6*d.* and to each scholar 1*d.* and that on the same day there be distributed among poor people 6*s.* 8*d.*, to each chaplain being present at exequies and mass on the 30th day after my death 6*d.*, and to each scholar and poor person then present 1*d.*, to the fabric of the parish church of St. Elen of Abyndon 20*s.*, to the "ornamentum" of the high altar of the said church of A. two altar clothes of white damask embroidered (*acu pictis*) with flowers of gold and images of the Holy Cross, Blessed Mary and St. John the Evangelist, to the fabric of the church of St. Nicholas of Abyndon 10*s.*, to the poor of the two almshouses built within the limits of Abidon aforesaid 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that 66*s.* 8*d.* be distributed among the poor of the town of Abyndon if my goods suffice. Thomas Harold 20*s.* Robert Lassellys formerly my servant 10*s.*, Hyeronimus [Jerome] Grene my son £20.

Residue: Joan Grene my wife, whom I make my executrix, with Richard Bartholomew of Sarum to whom 66*s.* 8*d.*

Overseers: John Fitzjiames senior of Redlynch, 26*s.* 8*d.* John Garette of Bruton 20*s.*, and John Muryell of Dycheyette 20*s.*

Witnesses: Sir Robert Roderam curate chaplain of the said church of Bruton, Hugh Wykes, Nicholas Takker and many more.

Proved October 22nd, 1509.

1506. HENRY CHAMPNEYS.

[17 Adeane.]

July 23rd, 1506. I, Harry Champnes of Frome Selwood in the countie of Somerset esquier ordeyne this my last will as well of my goodes and catals as of my londes and tenements which I have in the parisshe of Frome aforesaide and now being in feffmant by me the saide Henry Champnes. My body to be buried in the parisshe churche of Frome aforesaid forenst the quere dore there nygh myn auncestrie. To the cathredal churche Wellys 20*d.* To my curate of Frome aforesaid for my tithes

forgotten, to the person of Whateley now parrish preest of Frome aforesaid 16*d.*, and to every priest now being in the same churche and being at the dirige and burying of my body 12*d.*, and to every other preest that shall happe to come to my buryall 4*d.* To Vincent my servant 20*d.* To John Prewe 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Knight 12*d.*, to John Beket 12*d.*, to pray for my soule. Also to the churche of Frome a chalyce of silver whiche shall serve for my burying it the forsaid churche and for my name to be put in the bederoll in the said churche. To every of my doughters Elisabeth and Grace £20 in goodes and catals to theire mariage. To every of my sonnes Christofer, John and Henri a spone of silver, and to Ambrose late my servant a soverayn. And where as I have enfeoffed Thomas Strangisse, John Strangwisse, James Strangwisse gentilmen and Sir Robert Olyver clerk, by a dede bering date xvth July, xxth yere of Henry VIIth in all my messuages lands and tenements within Frome aforesaid and within the parissh of the same to have to them, theire heires and assignes for evermore to execute my last will within to this following, that the saide feoffes shall suffre peaceably my wife and hir assignes to receive the yerely revenuez and profitts of the same unto the tyme my saide wife or hir assignes hath receyved therof £40 of lawfull money of Englond, £20 thereof to be and serve for the mariage of my forsaide doughter Elisabeth and the other £20 to serve for the mariage of my saide doughter Grace over and above the saide £20 of the goodes and catalls to every of them by me bequethed and I will that if the on of my doughters dy bifore the mariage that the other doughter that shall happe to overlive, to have the hole seide goodes and money to hir seide mariage. And if they bothe dy onmaried than I will that the seide money be spend and occupied bi my sayde wife and her assignes in charitable werks and dedes, as in fynding of a prest to syng for my soule and the soules of my father and mother and other my frendys soules. Also I will that after the saide £40 be received of my forsaide landes, that then my saide feoffees shall [make] a sufficient astate of landes to the yerely valew of 40*s.* over all charges, unto Christofer my son, if that he at that time be no prest nor will be no prest, to have to him to his heires of his body and for lak of such issue the remaynder therof to the right

heires of me Henry Champenes. And in like manner my saide feoffees to make like astate to my sonnys John and Henry to every of them landes to the yerely valew of 40*s.* over all charges, if thei be no preestes or will be noon with like remayndre therof as is before. And of my londes my said feoffes, my saide will and testament perfourmid, be and stond to thuse of myn heires and their heires. And the residue to Johan my wif whom I make my executrice, to do for the welth of my soule as she thinketh best.

In witness wherof I have sett my seale the day and yere above rehersid.

Thies witnesseth, Sir Robart Olyver, vicar of Frome, Thomas Champnes, William Champenes, John Prew, William Silvester, Thomas Vincent and other.

Also I will John Prew for his goode service shall have yerely during his life 6*s.* 8*d.* of lawfull money, goyng out of my landes aforesaide and now being in feoffement, to be paide by my saide feoffes at iij principall termes of the yere by equal porciones.

Proved at Lambeth, January 25th, 1506.

1506. RICHARD MICHELLE.

[12 Adeane.]

August 3rd, 1506. Richard Michelle of the parish of Long Sutton. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Long Sutton outside the south door. Cathedral church of Wells 20*d.* High altar for tithes forgotten 20*d.* To the parish church of Long Sutton 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Witness: Master John Fre my curate, Robert Puynter.

Proved November 4th, 1506.

1506. ALICE CLENCHE.

[15 Adeane.]

August 10th, 1506. Alice Clenche to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Merston [Magna]. To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the parish church of Merston, one brass pot or 20*s.* To the chapel of the B.M. of the same place 6*s.* 8*d.* To Jaspar Garard one calf.

Residue: Isabella my daughter (executrix).

Supervisors: Richard Barbour and William Elys.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Lepley curate of that parish, Thomas Holman.

Proved November 4th, 1506.

1506. JOHN VERNEY.

[21 ADEANE.]

November 2nd, 1506. John Verney, esquier, my body to be buried in the Prioury churche of Buckland Seynt John in the countie of Somersett, before the aulter called the Crosse aulter in the said churche, by Kateryn late my wif. For my burying there soo to be doon and had, to the Priores and covent of the said priory and house and their successors, vj of my keen goyng and beyng upon my ferme ther of Bucklande, and where as I am endetted to the Priores of the said place in the som̃ of xvi or xvii pounds sterling or nygh theraboute, as by a bill of myn owne hand playnely appereth for payment of which som and for other thinges to be doon for me there in the said place I will that all my quyke catall goyng and beyng upon and at my manor and place called Fayrefeld in the forsaide countie, be solde by myn executors and with the money made of and for them the said som and dett be paid and fully content. Also I will that the said Pryores covent and their successors contynually yerely during the terme and tyme of fifty-five yeres holde and kepe an obitt and anniversary of dirige and masse to be doon celebrated song and saide in the said churche for the soules of John Gambonde, Robert Gambonde, John Worston, Richard Seyntclere, Isabell and Blanche, and all cristen soules, and for every obitt and anniversary so doon I will the said Pryores, covent and their successors be paid 6*s.* 8*d.* sterling by the hands of Robert Verney my son and heire apparent, his heires or assignes. And for the sure payment therof I will that my cheyne of golde with the crosse therto hangyng and annexed bee delivered by myn executors to the said Pryores to remayn and be in the keping of hir and hir successors unto the tyme she or they be paid and contented of the som̃ of xviii*li.* sterling in the maner and forme afore appoynted, which som̃ of

the money soo content and paid then I woll the said cheyne and crosse by delivered by the said priores to my said son or his assignes to have to hym and to his own propre use and behoff for ever. Also to my said son all my goodes catalls stuff and household with all other implements and thinges beyng within the walles of my foresaide place of Feyrefelde; all my quycke catall there as well within the said place as withoute, alway except. To John and George my yonger sones all my termes that I have in the ferme of Buckland Seynt John otherwise called Mynchen Bucklond, Halse, or elsewhere within the forsaid countie of Somersett or in the shire of Devon, with all other things which I have holde and occupy for termes, by leese by Indenture of the Lord Prior of Seynt John's of London or of any of his predecessors by and under his or their covent seale. Also to the said John and George all my goodes and catalls that I have upon my said ferme of Bucklonde; two trussyng coffres beyng in a chest in the keping of the aforesaide Pryores with all the plate juells and all other maner of things in the said 2 trussing coffers conteyned, and also the vi keen afore bequethed, alway except; all which plate juells and all other things in the said 2 trussing coffres conteyned except gurdells, I will be egally devided betwene my iij doughters Agas, Johanne and Johañe by the discrecion of my executors. And all the gurdells in the said 2 trussing coffres I will be egally devided betwene my said ij doughters Johan and Johan by the discrecion of my executors. Also to my said iij doughters for and to their mariage 300 mr̃ke sterling that is to wite, every oon of them a c mr̃ke soo that they be maried by thassent rule and discrecion of myn executors. And if it fortune any of them to dye before she or they be maried that then hir part that shall so fortune to die unmaried shall remayn to the overlyver or overlyvers of them, which 300 mr̃ke I will be content and paied by myn executors of suche detts as be owyng me and that I have in the citie of London and elsewhere. Also I will my said iij doughters be founde by myn executors unto the tyme they be maried with suche dettes as be owyng me in the shires of Somersett and Devon and with the overplus of the money that shall be made and come of and for my catalls of Feyrefelde solde by myn executors, over and above the money thereof paid

to the forsaid pryoress of Bucklonde as before is saide. And if the said detts and overplus of money woll not suffice for the perfourmance therof then I will that part of my plate afore bequethed to my twoo sonnys John and George be solde for the fynding of my said doughters. And whereas I, by my dede of feoffement beryng date, etc., have enfeoffed Hugh Lutterell knyght John Harow clerk and divers others in and of all my maners meses londs etc. and all other hereditaments with thappurtenances in the countie of Somersett to have and to holde to them, theire heires and assignes, to thuse and intent to performe and fulfille my will, my will is thus, that of the mille in Adescombe the said Sir Hugh, John Harowe clerk and the other their co-feoffees shall stonde and be still seased and thereof yerely to receyve, perceyve and take all the revenuez yssues and profitts and of the revenuez so receyved to pay yerely to my doughter Johane suster of Bucklonde forsaid during hir liff 13*s.* 4*d.* And to the abovenamed pryores and covent of Bucklonde and their successors for to holde and kepe an obite and anniversary in their propre churche there yerely during the terme of 4 yeres next ensuing after and fro the day of my burying upon the same day to be holde and kepte, of dirige and masse to be there celebrated as the yeres shall fall and folowe aboute to thende and terme of the said four yeres, to pray for my soule, the soule of Kateryn late my wif, my fader and moder soules, my children's soules my goode frendes soules and all cristen soules, 13*s.* 4*d.* And the residue of the yerely profits of the same mille to be bestowed upon the reparations of the same mille by my said feoffees when and as often as it shall be nedefull. And of all my burgages and lands at Stokeursy and Netherstowey I will that my said feoffees stonde and be seased to the use of Robert Verney my son and heir apparent and of his heires soo that he and his heires doo pay yerely to Richard Verney my brother 4 mr̃ke sterling during his liff by even porcions to be paid at the festes of Saynt Mighell tharchangell Nativitie of Our Lord, Ester and the Nativitie of Seynt John Baptiste and if my said son and his heires defawte and pay nott the said som of 4 mr̃ke yerely according to this my will, then I will my said feoffees be seased of all the said burgages and lands to thuse of my said brother for terme of his liff and after

his decesse to thuse of my saide son and of his heires for evermore. And for the very effectuall execucion of this my last will I make Hugh Lutterell knt., John Harowe clerke, and Baldewyn Malett my executors, whom I will have the rule of my children. And I will that Sir Hugh Lutterell have for his labor and to bee good maister to my children £5, and the said John Harowe clerke, 5 marc, and the said Baldewyn Malet £10.

Written the day and yere abovesaid, in witness of Suster Johane Coffyn pryores of Bucklonde aforesaid and Freere Thomas Coort.

Item, I will also that for the day of my burying the said priores of Bucklonde have 20*s*. And the grey freers of Briggewater 6*s*. 8*d*. And the freers of Yevelchester to be content of suche duetie as I owe them which freer Thomas Coort can shew.

Proved at Lambeth, March 14th, 1506.

1506. HUGH MATHEW.

[23 Adeane.]

November 26th, 1506. Hugh Mathewe. My body to be buried in the churcheyerd of Seynt Thomas beside my moder. To the moder churche of Seynt Andrewes in Wells, 2*d*. To maister vicary to pray for me, 4*d*. To oure lady aulter in the forsaid church of Seynt Thomas, 12*d*. To my doughter Agnes Mathewe to the value of 40*s*. The residue of all my goods moevable and immoevable to Elisabeth my wif whom I make my soole executrice to bring me on erth and to content my detts and also to dispose theym to the welth of my soule as it shall please hir best in dischargeyng of hir consciens.

Witnes herof, Mag̃ William Bedford, John Jonys, Robert Salbrige and Sir Stephyn Derkyn my gostly fader.

Proved at Lambeth, May 15th, 1507.

1506. JOHN TROTT.

[24 Adeane.]

January 13th, 1506. John Trott of Honicot in the parish of Selworthy. My body to be buried in the churchyard of B.M. of

Selworthy. To the fabric of the church one brass caldron (*cacabum*). To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Sir Thomas Takeford to pray for my soul 2*s.* 6*d.* To the light of All Saints in the parish church 12*d.*

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Henry Horne and John Daly.

Proved June 21st, 1507.

1507. JOAN BENET *ALS.* ELYATT.

[24 ADEANE.]

April 8th, 1507. Joan Benet *alias* Elyatt.[1] My body to be buried in the churchyard of B.M.V. at Glastonbury. To the chapel of the B.M. one girdle of blue partly gilt. To the church of St. John Bapt. one silver paxbred or 13*s.* 4*d.* To my son John Benet monk of Glaston one silver and gilt cup with a cover and 2 silver saltcellars gilt, half a dozen silver spoons and part of all my goods at the will of my executor. To William Feyreman one silver cup weighing about 16 ounces, Joan his wife one silver cup called "a chast[2] pece" weighing 10 ounces. To the three children of William Feyreman, viz., Laurence, Robert and Joan each of them a silver goblett. I will that a priest have £19 to pray for my soul and for the souls of William and Thomas my husbands for the space of three years. And for three cups silver and partly gilt remaining in the houses of John Joye and John Elyatt in Bristoll I will that they find a suitable chaplain to celebrate there for the soul of Thomas Benet for the space of two years, and if they do not do this then I will that Philip Ryngstone now mayor of the said town of Bristolle shall have the said cups to find a chaplain to celebrate for two years. To the same Philip one ring for his labour. To Sir Richard Beer[3] Abbot of Glaston one ring of gold of the price of 20*s.*

Residue: said Sir Richard (executor).

Proved June 21st, 1507.

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[1] Widow of Thomas Elyot, burgess of Bristol, whose will is given in Wadley's *Bristol Wills*, p. 174. It was proved March 5th, 1505–6.

[2] "Set in gold," enchase, to emboss; often shortened to chase. (*Skeat.*)

[3] Elected Jan. 20, 1493; died Jan. 20, 1524.

1507. RICHARD GYLLE.

[25 Bennett.]

June 16th, 1507. Richard Gylle of West Whitfeld [in Wiveliscombe]. My body to be holy grave wherever God may dispose. To the vicar of Williscombe 20*d.* To the rector of Huysh 20*d.* Robert Yea 20*d.*

Residue: Elienor my wife (executrix).

I have put my seal.

Proved February 6th, 1509.

1507. JOHN HEYRON.

[27 Adeane.]

June 27th, 1507. John Heyron, my body to be buried in my own chapel. Cathedral church of Wells 2*s.* To the church of Langport to buy a chasuble 100*s.* To each priest celebrating mass for my soul 12*d.* To every Christian person present on the day of my burial 1*d.* To Sir Thomas my chaplain a silver cup. Moreover I will that in all things my chantry not yet founded be founded according to the will of my father.[1] To each of my servants [ ].

Residue: Elizabeth my wife (executrix).

Proved October 24th, 1507.

1507. NICHOLAS TRAPP.

[34 Bennett.]

July 17th, 1507. Nicholas Trapp, bachelor in civil law, of the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells. My body to be buried in the said church in a chapel there founded in the name of Jesus on the south side. Mother church there 20*d.* High altar of Blessed Cuthbert for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To each other altar 20*d.* Richard Adams *alias* Richard Trapp and his assigns for the term of his life my messuage situate in Chilton co. Bucks with one croft etc., which I lately had of Agnes Tempyll of Hadnam in the said county *in sua pura viduitate.* I will that the said messuage etc., after the death of Richard Adams *alias*

[1] See p. 3.

Trapp, be given to the Warden of New College, Oxford, *alias* the College of St. Mary of Winchester, and his fellows.

Residue: Walter Sheyer and Matilda, my daughter, his wife (executors).

Witnesses: Rev. Father in Christ, "Dominus Thomas Tenen. episcopus" and vicar of the same parish, and Roger Churche canon of Wells, and general vicar *in spiritualibus* of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Sir Robert Carter, chaplain.

Proved November 25th, 1510.

1507. JOHN LANGLEY.

[31 Adeane.]

August 30th, 1507. John Langley of Portburye, to be buried in the chancel of the church of Portbury next to the "sarcophagus" of St. Helen.[1] To the high beam (*trabi*) of the same church 3 bushels of barley. To all the other beams of lights of the same church, viz., to each of them 2 bushels of barley. To the mother church of Wells 2*d*. I will that my wife have the reversion of certain lands in the lordship of Uske within the fee of Lebenethe after the death of my father if it shall happen during her life, as in a deed made between my father and my brother Thomas it more fully appears.

Residue: Katerine my wife whom I make my executrix to dispose for the helth of my soul.

Witnesses: Sir Theobald Pers, vicar there, William Germyn, Nicholas Bochar, Agnes Rogers. Proved December 11th, 1507.

1507. JOHN STRADLYNGE.

[32 Adeane.]

October 7th, 1507. John Stradlyng of Kelston in co. Somerset. To be buried in the chapel of the B.M. in the cathedral church of Bath. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d*. To the lord Prior of Bath 20*s*., and I make the said prior my supervisor. To each priest of the said monastery of Bath, 40*d*. To the church of St. Nicholas of Kelston for my tithes forgotten 40*d*. To each novice of the monastery of Bath 8*d*. To the parish church of St. James of Bath 40*d*. To John Multon my

[1] See *Wells Wills*, pp. xi, 131.

servant, all my garments which I use on my journeys, namely, *meam togam, tunicam, gladium, armicudium,*[1] *ocreas,*[2] *et calcaria, equum grecium, et cellam et frenum super quem equum predictus Johannes modo mecum equitavit.*

Residue: Agnes my wife.

Executors: Agnes my wife, Arthur Kemes, Thomas Stradlyng my son.

Witnesses: William Gilis, monk, Walter Garrate, rector of the said parish church of St. James and John Multon.

Proved January 28th, 1507.

1507. WILLIAM GRYME.

[24 Bennett.]

November 20th, 1507. William Gryme. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. George of Dunster. For tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To John my son £10 and one silver goblet. To William my son £10 and one silver salt sellar. To Cristina my daughter £10 13*s.* 4*d.* and 8 silver spoons.

Residue: Cristina my wife (executrix).

Proved February 4th, 1509.

1507. WM. CHAMPYON.

[32 Adeane.]

December 31st, 1507. William Champyon of Corscombe in co. Somerset, to be buried in the parish church of Corscombe in the aisle (*insula*) of the Holy Trinity before the image of St. James the Apostle. To the fabric of the church of St. Andrew of Wells 20*s.* To the church of the B.M. of Corscombe 20*s.* To the house of the Carthusians of Witham 40*s.* To the house of the Carthusians of Henton 40*s.* To the rector of the church of Corscombe for tithes forgotten 40*s.* I will that my executors distribute there among poor people on the day of my burial at Corscombe £20 and on the thirtieth day after my death £20 (*in die tricenale obitus mei*). I will that my executors on every Friday for the space of 20 years after my death distribute among

[1] Dagger. [2] Greaves.

poor people in Corscombe to each indigent person 5*d.* in honour of the five wounds of Christ. I bequeath £26 13*s.* 4*d.* to hold my obit yearly in the parish church of Corscombe to be celebrated after the manner of other obits observed there for the space of 20 years, namely in each year for celebrating the obit 26*s.* 8*d.* to be distributed there, to the rector or his vicegerent 8*d.* to each chaplain 6*d.*, and to the parish clerk 4*d.* the rest of the sum of 26*s.* 8*d.* to remain for light and to be distributed among the poor according to the discretion of my executors. To Edmund Carter son of John Carter £40. To Joan daughter of the said John Carter £40. To Ema daughter of the said John Carter £40. To Joan Porter daughter of the said John Carter £20. To John Carter son of John Carter senior £20. To each of my spiritual sons and daughters now living 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue; to Jone Carter my daughter wife of John Carter and John Carter elder son of the said John and Jone Carter of Corscombe aforesaid, whom I make my executors to dispose for the health of my soul.

Supervisors: the venerable men, Master Thomas Harrys treasurer of Wells Cathedral, and William ffitzWilliam of the city of London, merchant, to each of whom £10.

Witnesses: Sir John Haddon, curate there, Sir John Edwards, chaplain, Master Richard Attwell, notary public, Roger Mors, Edward Wyndelsor, Robert Wulys.

Proved January 29th, 1507.

1507. JOHN GOODWYNE.

[35 Adeane.]

February 3rd, 1507. John Goodwynge *alias* Lenge of the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the said parish church near the cross on the north side. Mother church there 12*d.* High altar of the Blessed Cuthbert for tithes forgotten 20*d.* Repair of each altar of said church 4*d.*, and to the nave of the same church 12*d.* To Sir Robert Carter "*tunc plebano*," 4*d.*

Residue: William Frempton and John Goodwyng (executors).

Overseer: John Bonner to whom 3*s.* 4*d.*

Witnesses: Sir Robert Carter, Sir William Milner, and William Goodwyn *alias* Linge my brother.

Proved May 22nd, 1508.

1507. THOMAS BEAMOUNT.

[28 Adeane.]

February 6th, 1507. Thomas Beamount, preest, to be buried in the church of St. Andrewe in Wellys before the crucifix, standinge over the dore ledynge to our lady chapell behynde the high awter. I will that my executors deliver by indenture with the dean and chapitre of Wellys c marks sterling to be suerly kepte in a cheste within the treasur hous, they to bynde theymself by the same indenture under ther chapitre seall in a convenient penalitie as shall be best devised by myn executors to mayntene and kepe yerely in the quere the day of my deth for my soule, for the soule of the right reverent fader in God Olyver somtyme Bishop of Bath and Wells and all Christian soules a solempne dirige by note with masse of Requiem in the morne folowynge and that at every suche dirige and masse thus kept and doon, I will that by the discrecion of the deane for the tyme beynge the president and chapitre, there be distributed amongst the residensaries and other ministers beynge present at the same observances 40*s.* and the said dean or president seyinge the said dirige and masse observed to have for his labour 2*s.* besides his portion of the said 40*s.* And the remanent of the said c marks, I will it to be contented and paid to the treasorer or sexten of the said cathedral church yerely for lights and rynginge to be maintened and doon at the same diriges and masses after the rate as longe as it will endure. To the makynge of a severall[1] to be made in the cloyster aftre the fourme of Bishop Bekyntons work 10 marcs, or els aftre the mynde and disposicion of Maister Dean. To be distributed amongst my pover parishens of St. Clements at London 26*s.* 8*d.* To be distributed amongst my parishens at Cristinmalford 13*s.* 4*d.* Among my pover parishens of Mynehead 20*s.* Toward the

[1] Severey, a bay or compartment of a vaulted ceiling. (Parker's *Glossary of Architecture*, vol. i, 424.)

reparacions of the body of the church of the same 20*s*. To Emme Spayne my moder iij gilte bollys covered ij bollys parcell gilte with a cover ij small saltes gilte with a cover xiij sponys with thappostells, a rynge with a grete diamonde, a rynge with a great rocke Rubye, ij rynges with ij turkeis, and a rynge of golde like unto a wrethe, my best chayne of golde and £50 of redy money also one of my beste gownes and hur owne bedes of corall gawded with golde, with a muskeball of silver and gilte which she gave unto me. To Maister Edward Brampton an hope of golde to be made for him, to my lady Brampton, my suster, a rynge of golde with a flatte diamonde, and to eche of their children, *i.e.*, Sir John B, Henry, George, Elizabeth, Mary, and Jane a hope of golde of the value of 20*s*. with this scripture to be made within everyche of the same hoopes,

"Ye shall pray for Sir Thomas Beamonde"

these same rynges to be made and sent into Portingale unto them by some sure messynger as sone as myn executors can make provision after my deth. Robert Tygo a standinge cup gilte with a cover with a tyger in the bothom which was his faders and 10 marcs. John Warforde 20 marcs, the best horse, a gowne, a bedde complete above his bequest of my lorde of Bathes. Humfrey my servant £5, a gowne, and a horse. John Drissild 5 marcs and a horse. Sir Edmonde £10 and a gowne. John Cooke 4 marcs. To Watkyn the ydeot at the discrecion of my executors. For all things betwene William Wrothe and me I forgeve him. To eche others of my servants their quarter's wages and 4 nobles. To Richard Cooke 40*s*. To be distributed amongst pover people the day of my burynge £10 and the day of my monthes mynde £10. As to the priour of Witham that oweth me 20 marcs, I am content to remitte the one half to pray for me. To Agnes Roynyon my leste cheyn of golde with the Agnus Dei hangynge uppon the same. Margery hur suster c shillings. Maister Mylles a rynge of golde at the pleasur of myn executors. To Ede 40*s*. John Tovyngton 40*s*. John Pawlet and his wyfe 40*s*. Maistres Cosen and Robert Cosyn hir sonne eche of them a hope of golde, price 4*li*.

Residue: to my executors to be disposed for the welth of my soul.

Executors: Maister William Cousyn Dean of Wellys, Emme Spayne my moder Thomas Grene and Richard Reynyon.

Supervisor: my lorde Thomas Bishop of Tenensis, to whom c shillings.

Proved at Lamehithe, November 20th, 1507.

1507. JOHN NELE.

[8 Bennett.]

March 20th, 1507. John Nele, of Keynsham, clothier. My body to be buried in the Abbey church in Keynshm̄ as nyghe unto Margarete my wif as it may be convenyently. To the cathedral church of Wells, 12*d.* To the high aulter of the parisshe church of Keynsham for forgoten tithes and offeryngs, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the bells of the parisshe church, 12*d.* To the Roode lighte of the parisshe church, 12*d.* To the torches of the parisshe church, 12*d.* To Thomas, my son, a doseyn silver sponys with wrethed knoppys. More, I will that he have a flatt pece aftir the disposicion of mÿn overseers. I will, more, that he shalhave a salt saler couered whiche ys square. More, I geve and bequeth hym oon of my best masers, more, a croke and a panne of brasse. More, a pair of shetes, a payre of blankettes and a couerlitt. To the brethered of Keynshm̄ a maser and 4 sponys not to be sold but to be used to good usis longyng to the said brethered. I will that ther be provided for me in the parisshe church of Keynshm̄ an honest preest by the space of half a yere to pray at the aulter of Seynt Thomas for my soule and the soule of Margarete my wif and for our fader's and moder's and all our frends and all xp̄en soules. And the residue of my goods not bequethed, my detts paid my funerall expences moneth's mynde and yere's mynde done, I geve and bequeth to Henry Nele my son, and myn executor to dispose for me to the moost welth of my soule and morover to this I make myn overseers, mag̃. John Vaughn̄ vicar of Keynshm̄ and Henry Rede of Burnet to geve counsaill to my said sonne that this my testament and last will may be performed. And I geve to every of theym for their labor 6*s.* 8*d.* In witness wherof Sir William Hoper and Thomas Nevery clerk in the yere and day afore rehersed.

Proved at Lambeth, November 3rd, 1508.

1508. WILLIAM HORTON.

[35 Adeane.]

March 28th, 1508. William Horton of Lullyngton in the county of Somerset, clothman, my body to be buried in the parish church of Alhalowen at Lullyngton. Toward the reparation of the same church 53*s.* 4*d.* To the werks and reparacion of the moder church of Seynt Andrew in Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To Rachel my wife £40, my best silver cupp, a silver salte, 6 silver sponys, the 4th part of all my household stuffe, the house I dwell in and my myll during her life, if she lyve sole. After her mariage or death to Thomas Horton my son and to his heirs with all my fermes londs and tenements, and for defaute of issue, to Johane Horton my doughter, and for defaute of issue, to Alice Horton my doughter, and for defaute of issue, to Thomas Horton my brother of Yvorde. To my servant 6*s.* 8*d.*

Executors: Johane Horton and Alys Horton my doughters, Thomas Horton my son.

Overseers: Thomas Horton of Yvorde my broder, clothman, John Compton of Bebenton clothman, Henry Whyttoksmeth of Benangar, and to each of them 5 marke.

Proved at Lambeth, May 8th, 1508.

1508. RICHARD BURNELL.

[35 Adeane.]

April 14th, 1508. Richard Burnell of the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells. My body to be buried in the said parish church next the grave of Joan Burnell my late wife. Mother church there, 12*d.* To the high altar of Blessed Cuthbert 20*d.* for tithes forgotten. To the nave of the said church 20*d.*, and to each altar of the said church 4*d.* To the House of St. John Baptist, Wells, one silver cup, called "*a Malvesy cup.*" To the nuns of St. Mary Magdalen of Bristol after the death of my wife one standing cup silver and gilt. To Margaret Marchall my cousin one quarter of wode and a small maser silver and gilt one brass pot and one brass dish one whole bed at the pleasure of my wife and one good wedding gown. To Joan Burnell one brass pot and one dish.

Residue: Isabel my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir John Marlar prior of St. John Baptist, Sir Robert Carter and William Frampton with others.

Proved May 22nd, 1508.

1508. JAMES VIALL, ESQ.

[6 Bennett.]

April 21st, 1508. I, Jamys Vyall Esquyer make and ordeyn this my present testament of my moevable goods conteyning theryn my last will as to the disposiĉon of my manors londs and tenements here underwritten, etc. My body to be buried in the parisshe church of Seynt Laurence in thold Jury of London in Our Lady chapell before Our Lady aulter there. And aftir my body so buried then I will that all suche detts as I owe unto any persone or persones of right or of conscience be truely paid. To the high aulter of the parisshe churche of Seynt Lawrence for my tithes and oblacions forgoten or necligently witholden if any suche be in dischargeyng of my soule and to thentent that it may please the vicary there to pray specially for my soule my wiffs soul and our childern soules, 40*s.* To the werkes of the body of the same church of Seynt Lawrence where moost nede shalbe thought aftir the discrecion of the churchwardeyns and parisshens there 13*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* To the brethered of Seynt Ursula founded in the same church 20*s.* And to the Holy Roode brethered founded in the same church other 20*s.* To the werks of the body of the parisshe church of Seynt Sepulcres withoute Newgate of London 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* To the Monastery or Abbey of Notley in the countie of Buks 4*li.* To John Joyno^r^ gent to thentent that it may please hym to be oon of the overseers of this my present testament and last will 40*s.* To John Joyno^r^ his sonne, my godson 40*s.* To Mary Viall my wif all my manoir of Claverhm̃ with thappurtenances in the countie of Somersett and all other my londs and tenements within the same countie. And also all my manoirs of Hartrigge and Tytcombe Hasilwyke with thappurtenances and all other my londs and tenements in Hartrigge and Tytcombe Hasilwyke in the countie of Berkes, to have and to hold all my said manors londs and tenements with thappurtenances to the same Mary my wif to hir heirs and

assignes for ever. And I will and requyre all suche persones as be enfeoffed or seased unto myn use of my said manors, londs and tenements shall make or cause to be made unto the said Mary my wif at suche tyme after my decesse as they on the behalf of the same Mary shalbe reasonably requyred a sufficient astate in fee symple of and in all my said manors londs and tenements after the tyme meanyng and effect of this my last will. And the residue of all my goodes catalls and detts whatsoever they be aftir my detts which I owe paid, my funerall expenses fully done and the legacies conteyned in this my present testament and last will performed, I geve and bequeth holly unto the saide Mary my wif which Mary my wif I make my sole executrice, hir overseers I make the said John Joyno^r^ gent and Robert Astley citezen and mercer of London. In witness wherof I have sett my seale. These witnesses Mag. William Grocyn, mag. Philipp Taillo^r^, Sir John Gedge clerks, Thomas Feldyng, William Lamberd and Thomas Joyno^r^.

Yeven the daye and yere above rehersed.

Proved at Lambeth, October 26th, 1508.

1508. NICHOLAS SAINT LO, GENT.

[7 Bennett.]

August 12th, 1508. Nicholas Sainttelow, of Caynsham, gentleman. My body to be buried in the abbey church of Caynsham. To the moder church of Wells 12*d.* For forgoten tithes, to the vicary 6*s.* 8*d.* To the makyng of the grete bell 10*s.* To the brothered 7*s.* To the Rood lighte 12*d.* To the torches 12*d.*

The residue of all my goods not bequethed I geve to Cecily my wif whom I ordeyn and make mỹn executrice.

In witness herof, Master John Vaghan, Thomas Paỹn, John Persone, and other moo. To the which also I have sett my seale the day and yere abovesaid.

Proved at Lambeth, November 3rd, 1508.

1508. THOMAS TREMAYLL.

[5 Bennett.]

August 15th, 1508. Thomas Tremayll. My body to be buried in the parish church of St. Bride in "Fletestrete,"

London, next the body of Margaret, my late wife, if I happen to die in London, otherwise in the church or churchyard where God shall appoint me to die. I will that at the time of my death my funeral and obsequies with one mass of St. Mary, another of the Trinity and a third of Requiem shall be celebrated and said by note, not with pomp and splendour but honestly and conveniently to the praise and honour of God, and that 20*s.* be distributed to the poor at the same time to pray for my soul and the souls of all the faithful. Also I will that the friars of each house of the four orders of friars of London, viz., Preachers, Carmelites, Minors, and Augustinians, and of the house of Friars Minors at Briggewater and of Friars Preachers at Yevelchester in the county of Somerset have 6*s.* 8*d.*, that each priest in each of the said houses may celebrate by note for my soul as quickly as possible after my death. Furthermore I will that a trental be celebrated for my soul in each of the said houses, they having therefor 2*s.* 6*d.* And I will that a little before my death or immediately after, a trental be celebrated in one day in the parish church where I happen to die, each priest summoned to do this having 4*d.* or 6*d.* as the place requires. Also I will that if it can well be provided for out of my goods, a special trental called "le grete trentall" shall be celebrated for my soul by any good and honest priest thereto called, and that he have for his labour 12 marks by the year. To the Priores of Canyngton for tithes forgotten and in any way withheld, 6*s.* 8*d.* And whereas I have received certain moneys from various persons for matters to be transacted in connection with my profession and I have done little or nothing or acted negligently in return, and have taken goods or done certain things wherefor I am bound to make satisfaction but am uncertain to whom it ought to be made, I will therefore that my executors distribute out of my goods to the most needy poor, 5 marks, and I would more if it can be done. To Philip, my son, a fetherbed with bolster, a pair of suitable sheets, a pair of fustians with the cover of the bed "paled et branched" with green, a pair of blankets, a cup of mine called "le grete Nutt" with the cover and six of my best silver spoons. To John, my son, a fetherbed with the bolster, a pair of blankets, a pair of sheets, the great coverlet with images upon it, six best silver

spoons, a standing cup of silver chased and partly gilt, with its cover. To Elis, my daughter, the wife of John Whiting, a featherbed with the bolster, a pair of blankets, a pair of sheets, the coverlet of Say or another suitable one, six silver spoons and a cup called "le Nutte" bound with silver and gilt with a lion on its cover. To Margaret, my daughter, the wife of Thomas Tylly, a pair of fustians, a pair of my best sheets, a small round cup with its cover silver and gilt. To Lucy, my daughter, the wife of John Kyrckham, knight, that new cup bound with silver called "le litell Nutte" with its cover. To Joan, my daughter, to her marriage 100 marks to be had out of the money for my fee in connection with the fine (*justicia*) which will be due to me from the market at my death and then I shall be satisfied, if she be not married in my lifetime, and if she be I will the said 100 marks be duly disposed by my executors in the exhibition of poor scholars, priests studying at Oxford, and in other charitable works for the soul of William Dodesham and of those for whom he was bound to pray, and if those market moneys (*denarii de Stapula*) will not amount to 100 marks then the sum shall be made up with other money due to me. To the same Joan those chains of gold which she has in her sure keeping and all my goods and jewels and household utensils in my house in the parish of St. Bride in Fletestrete, London, except those otherwise disposed by me, and I will she take possession of them, with those exceptions immediately after my death. Lastly, to my said son John all my goods in the house of Blakmor [in Cannington] with 3 cows, 2 bullocks, 40 of my sheep in Blakemore aforesaid, a gown and a cloak out of my clothes in London. To the said Philip, my son, one pair of silver saltcellars partly gilt being in my house at London all my goods in my house at Sond with forty of my sheep at Blakemore, unless I provide for him from other sheep, a gown and a cloak from my clothes in London. To John Coke, my servant, 12 of the sheep with Henry Phelpes at Chuton and 20*s*. To Gilbert Colchester, my servant, 20*s*. Whereas John Watts, my servant, has remained with me from his boyhood and youth, I therefore bequeath him a bed suitable for a valet, viz., a "materas," a pair of blankets and a pair of sheets with a coverlet and 40*s*. To Nicholas, my

servant, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Rose a bow with 24 arrows in a quiver (*casula*) and 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Colynche, my servant, 40*s.* to his marriage. I will my two basins and ewers of silver partly gilt, my two standing cups silver and gilt at London, my two great saltcellars of silver partly gilt, also my two "gobletts" with one cover of silver well gilt newly made also in my house at London, and those three "bolpeces," be sold for the best value and the money thence coming disposed in the faithful settlement of my debts, fulfilment of my will and in other charitable works for the soul of William Dodesham and of those for whom he was bound to pray.

The residue to my executors. I will specially that such goods as belonged to the said William Dodesham which were taken and are now in my house at Canyngton as well as those which I bought for my own use and paid for at their value distributing the money paid for them for the soul of the said William as shown in my book in which I have written my debts and other memoranda by means of lists therein contained and otherwise, be separated from my other goods according to the inventory in my great black book in which are written all things distributed for the soul of the said William and all the money (*denaria et pecunia*) which is in the coffer (*cofor*) standing in the priory of Canyngton distributed for the said William which also I intend to do by the grace of God if I have the time.

I make my executors John Tremayll, my son, specially, and [Thomas] Tremayll, clerk vicar of the church of Canyngton to each of whom for their labour I bequeath although it is insufficient 20*s.* And I ask you, my executors, that the goods to be disposed by you out of the residue may be disposed as much for the soul of William Dodesham and of those for whom he was bound to pray, as for my soul, as I am bound before God to pray and act for the soul of the said William.

In witness whereof I have placed my seal and have written with mine own hand.

Proved at Lambeth, September 19th, 1508.

1508. JOHN SMYTH.

[7 Bennett.]

September 2nd, 1508. John Smyth. My body to be buried in the church of St. Giles of Leimendepe. To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the parish church of Lei one cow. To the image of B.M. in same church, 12*d.*

Residue: Agnes, my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Nicholas Meryfeld, John Nett, John Smyth, junior, Sir Nicholas Say, then holder of the cure (*tunc gereñ cure*).

Proved November 3rd, 1508.

1508. PETER KNOYELL.

[8 Bennett.]

September 7th, 1508. Peter Knoyell of Sanford Orkeys. My body to be buried in the chapel of St. Nicholas next my father in the parish church of Sanford. Cathedral church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* To the monastic church of Sherborne 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish church of Sanford 20*s.* To the parish church of Wyncaltun 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that my two daughters, Katerine and Dorothy, have all my vessels (*vasa*) after the death of my wife. To my confessor, Master John White, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Richard Dyer 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that William Populle have free rent of his house in which he dwells for the time of his life within Sanford aforesaid. To each of the servants and female servants of my house 40*d.*

Elizabeth, my wife, to be my executrix together with Master John FitzJames, junior, and I leave the residue to my wife.

Witnesses: Richard Dyer, Master John Whit with divers others.

Proved November 3rd, 1508.

1508. WILLIAM BAKER.

[8 Bennett.]

September 7th, 1508. William Baker of Crewkerne, my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Bartholomew the

Apostle of Crewkerne. To the mother church of Wells 20*d.* To the parish church of Crewkerne 10*s.* To the fraternity of the Trinity of Crewkerne 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high altar of Crewkerne, for tithes forgotten 20*d.* To the parish church of St. Peter, of Shaftisbury 6*s.* 8*d.* To my twelve godchildren 12 grotes (*gross*). To my son Barnard £10 to remain in the hands of my brother John Baker till he come to lawful age.

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: John Baker and John Mathe.

Proved November 3rd, 1508.

1508. JOHN STRETE, CLERY.

[7 Bennett.]

September 10th, 1508. John Strete, clerk, vicar of Chard, my body to be buried in the church of B.M.V. of Chard. To the fabric of the church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the service of B.M. of Cherde £10, with this intention that the feoffees of the same keep my obit yearly by name with the brethren of the said service, which £10 I will shall remain in the hands of Roberts Pitts *als.* Chepman. To the same Robert Pittis 40*s.* Thomas Splent 20*s.* John Cole 20*s.* John May 10*s.* To William Pympell, clerk, 4 yerds of Musterdeviles. Thomas Slyar, one gown of black colour. Thomas Gybbis my servant 40*s.* To the same Thomas Gibbis my best pitcher (*urcium*) and one pan and one bed in which the said Thomas nightly lies with all things belonging to the same, also a celer and a tester paynted, hanging *ultra lectum meum proprium.* John Toker 20*s.* The service of the blessed Katerine my best pan. Richard Yong one short gown of violett. William Selwoode senior one gown lying nightly upon my bed. Thomas Cole a pitcher. To the holywater clerk and the reader (*pellector*) to each 20*d.* To each godson and goddaughter 6*s.* 8*d.* John Taylor clerk, vicar of Ilmyster, one cup of silver with a cover partly gilt. John Haydon of Axmyster 6*s.* 8*d.* John May one long gown of violet.

Residue: Amisius Powlet, knight (executor).

Witnesses: John Fichett, clerk, William Pympell, clerk, John May with others.

Proved November 3rd, 1508.

[Testator was instituted Vicar of Chard, Aug. 23, 1494, on the presentation of Amisius Poulet, mil. *Somerset Incumbents*, p. 328.]

1508. RICHARD WEBBE.

[9 Bennett.]

September 10th, 1508. Richard Webbe of Westharptre, my body to be buried in the churchyard of B.M. of West Harptre, The cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Church of Westharptre 3*s.* 4*d.* Church of Compton Martin 12*d.* Church of Estharptre 12*d.* The great bell of Henton 20*d.*

Residue: Elen my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Thomas Webbe my brother.

Witnesses: John Batell, Thomas Deyn, Richard Eggell and many others.

Proved November 24th, 1508.

1508. JOHN TANNER.

[20 Bennett.]

September 12th, 1508. John Tanner, of Wyncanton in the diocese of Wells, my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Peter of Wyncanton. To the same church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Wells 12*d.* To each of my godsons and goddaughters one heifer and one steer.

Residue: Sibil my wife and John my son (executors).

Proved October 22nd, 1509.

1508. THOMAS PIPER.

[20 Bennett.]

September 15th, 1508. Thomas Pyper of Cory Revell in the countie of Somersett, husbondman, my body to be buried in the chauncell of Seynt Andrewe at Cory Revell aforesaid. To the hede church of Wells 40*d.* To the church of Cory Revell 7*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for to bye a trebill bell there. To the church of Abbotts Ile 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Ilbruers 6*s.* 8*d.* Unto the bretherhod of Ilmyster 6*s.* 8*d.* Unto the high aulter of Cory Revell for my tithes and oblacions by me necligently forgoten

or witholden if any suche be in discharge of my soule 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicars chapell 3*s.* 4*d.* Unto every of my godchildern 4*d.* Unto my two doughters every of theym to have half a whay of whete of my mowe and the residue of the said mowe unto my wife holly. My two doughters to have every of theym 6 sponys of silver with a cupp of silver and my sone John 6 sponys of silver with another cupp and their moder to have all the said sponys and cuppys during hir life and aftir hir decesse unto hir said doughters and sone. And my said wif to have all hir owne weryng gere with all girdells and bedes with all other stuff of household. To every of my twoo maydens servñts a cowe or 10*s.* therfore. Unto Nicĥas Rowlys my brother's son, if he lyve 40*s.* Unto my twoo men servñts one bobett and white every of theym a cowe or 10*s.* to every of theym. My wif to have my two bathe oxen 6 key with 3 steres. Unto Cuthberde Clavelleshay my gray amblyng colte. For my 40 shepe that been at Chynnock twenty of theym unto John Genyng and the other 20 to my son John Piper. My wif and my son John Piper to have my mares and my coltes to be departed betwene theym bothe as nigh as they can with other catells. And I make my wif and my son John Piper myn executors and Cuthberde Clavelleshay supervisor of this my will. Thies beryng witnesse, Cuthberde Clavelleshay, John Jenyng and other.

Proved at Lambeth, October 22nd, 1509.

1508. THOMAS WYLLET.

[7 Bennett.]

October 8th, 1508. Thomas Wyllet. My body to be buried in the churchyarde of Chew. To the cathedrall church of Wells 4*d.* To the parisshe church of Chew 20*s.* To Our Lady chapell 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high aulter 8*d.* The other parte of my goods not bequethed I geve to Johane Wyllet my wife whom I make my trewe executrice to dispose the overplus of my goodes to the pleasur of God and to the helthe of my soule, bifore this witnesses, Sir Water Holywood, John Wade and John Sterow with many moo.

Proved at Lambeth, November 3rd, 1508.

1508. JOHN TOGWELL.

[7 Bennett.]

November 9th, 1508. John Togwell merchant in the towne of Tawnton. My body to be buried within the church dore of Seynt Petir and Paule, iff I in Tawnton or nygh Taunton shall departe. Yf it be elleswhere I remytte all to the discrecion of myn executors or theym that shalbe at my departyng. And furthermore I charge myn executours to have a preest syngynt for my soule and my frends by the space of three yeres, and he to have for his labor 6*li.* yerely. Also I geve to Sir John Newman my best horse and my best gowne. Also to Thomas my son my barne with iij aker of lond in the same grounde. Also to the said Thomas iiij pippys of wood whan he ys of lawfull age to receyve both the londs with the house and the iiij pippys of wode. Also to the said Thomas a tokyng myll stonding in the parisshe of Hill Bishoppe with all the londs therto perteyning on the condic̃on that my wif Elisabeth have the myll with the londs duryng hir life, and after hir decesse my son Thomas to have hit unto hym and to his heirs and assignes. To Alexander my son a mede the whiche lyeth at thend of William Nithwayes londs called Popeys mede; the mede ys of ij acres. Also to the said Alyxaundre ij houses that stonde in Hollwaye Lane, also iiij pippys of Wode and I will that he have the lond with the houses and the Woode what tyme he is of lawfull age to governe hit. Also to the said Alisaundre ij houses tenements, stonding in Est Rugge with all the londs belongyng to the same housyng the which I bought of John Sawnders, on that condic̃on that my wif Elisabeth have it during hir life and aftir hir decesse he to have hit to hym and his assignes. To the Grey freers of Bridgwater 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parisshe church of Willyscombe to pray for my soule 6*s.* 8*d.* To Elynor my mayden 40*s.* when she ys of lawfull age to be maried if she be rewled by hir maistres. I make Elisabeth my wif myn executrice of all my londs and goods not bequethed soo that my detts be paid truely and my will justly fulfilled also I will that she dispose the day of my burying 20*s.* to poore people. I make to be myn overseers Alixander Hamlyn of Bridgewater and Sir John Newman and every of theym to have

for their labor 20*s.* to see that my will be fulfilled. To the bieldyng of the new warke in the South part of the churche of Mary Magdleyn a pippe of wyne or the valor of 40*s.* To my lord or his deputie for such tithings as I doute whether I have paid truely or noo, half a pecé lokeram or a mark for hit.

Proved at Lambeth, December 1st, 1508.

1508. RICHARD PATY.

[19 Bennett.]

November 15th, 1508. Richard Paty. My body to be buried in the church of B.M. of Pilton. To the chapel of B.M. of Pilton aforesaid for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To Margaret my maidservant a brass pot.

Residue: Geoffrey Paty (executor).

Overseer: Master Robert Brette to whom 40*s.*

Witness: Thomas Aslakeby, curate, John Marsshe, John Fawell and others.

Proved September 27th, 1509.

[This will relates to Pilton, *Somerset*, see S.R.S., vol. iv, p. 58.]

1508. NICHOLAS SAINT LO.

[9 Bennett.]

Nicholas Saintlo. My body to be buried in the parisshe church of Chew. To the cathedrall church of Wells 2*s.* To the 4 lightes in the church of Chew 12*d.* To the church-house of Chew 20*s.* To an honest preest to syng for my soule the space of 4 yeres, every yere 9 mr̃ke. To Our Lady chapell that I owe to the same 17*li.* To the said chapell a velvet lynyng of a gowne. To the werks of the church of Chew oon blake gowne furred with foynes. To the same church oon peyre of vestments of crymsyn velvet. I will that my maner wher I dwell be feoffed to John Chocke and Edmunde Saintlo, myñ uncle, soo that Elianor my wif have a goode and sufficient estate of my londe to the valor of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* by yere. I will that Elisabeth my doughter have to her mariage 100 mr̃ke. I will that Thomas Skeyte have to his exhibiĉon 4 mr̃ke unto the tyme he come to 24 yeres of age. I will that Our Lady chapell of Chew aforesaid have 4 kye and 4 calffs. I bequeth

to the vicar of Chew for tithes and oblacions necligẽtly forgoten, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the chapell aforesaid a caas to a corporas. The residue of all my goods not bequethed I geve to Thomas Austell, clerke, and William Denys, knyght, whom I make myñ executors, they to dispose hit for the helth of my soule as they thinke best. I will that John my son and heire have all my plate of silver and gilte when he cometh to full age aftir the advisament and discrecion of Elianor my wife.

Proved at Lambeth, 24th November, 1508.

1508. RICHARD MAUDELEY.

[11 Bennett.]

February 7th, 1508. Richard Maudeley. My body to be buried in the chapel of All Saints in the chapel of the B.M. of Noney. The mother church of St. Andrew 6*s.* 8*d.* Master Doctor Mors rector of Coscombe for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* The parish church of Noney 20*s.* The parish church of Cliford [Cloford] to the fabric of said church 20*s.* The four orders of friars of the town of Bristol 6*s.* 8*d.* in equal portions. To the prisoners of Newgate of the said town 6*s.* 8*d.* The house of friars of Evelchester 6*s.* 8*d.* Prisoners of said town 6*s.* 8*d.* Five orders of friars within the city of London 33*s.* 4*d.* in equal portions. Prisoners of Newgate in the city of London 6*s.* 8*d.* The men in Kyngesbenche and Marchalsey 13*s.* 4*d.* in equal portions. Fellows and masters of the tailors (*scissorum*) of London in honour of St. John Baptist 20*s.* Sir Richard Latamer, curate of Noney, Sir Roger Walsche chaplain, and Thomas Salisbury 10*s.* in equal portions. John Knappe 6*s.* 8*d.* Each of my godsons and goddaughters 8*d.* William Basyng, Roger Mors and John Joce 20*s.* in equal portions, that they may be supervisors of my will.

Residue: John Maudeley my son and Joan Basyng, wife of William Basyng (executors).

Witnesses: Richard Latamar, curate of Noney, Sir Roger Walsche, chaplain, Thomas Salisbury and others.

In witness I have placed my seal.

Proved February 27th, 1508.

1508. EDMUND BIRLEY.

[15 Bennett.]

February 28th, 1508. Edmonde Byrley, clerke, of the diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the parisshe church of Clevedon. To the cathedrall churche of Wellys 12*d.* To every of the 4 lightes founded within the church of Clevedon 10*d.* To every of my godchildern 12*d.* To Elisabeth my servant 6*s.* 8*d.* in money. To every order of Freres within the towne of Bristowe 2*s.* 6*d.* To Robert Scryvener 6*s.* 8*d.* To Elisabeth Estefelde my suster an annuytie of 26*s.* 8*d.* yerely to be paid by my executour at the fest of Cristmas unto the summe of 10*li.* fully and holy be content and paide yf the saide Isabell lyve so longe. And if it hap̃en the said Isabell to decesse oute of this mortall worlde afore the said 10*li.* be fully content and paid that then I will that the residue of the said money not paide be disposed in goode werks for the helthe of my soule by the discrec̃on of myn executour. The residue of my goods and catalls moveable and unmoveable in this my testament not bequethed aftre that my detts and funerall expenses be deducte and paid I geve and bequeth unto my cosyn Jamys Coplande to have to his propre use and profitt forever. The whiche Jamys I make my soole executour of this my testament with the oversight of Richard Childe and John Bene to whom I bequeth for their labour to either of them 3*s.* 4*d.* These b̃eyng witnesse Sir Richard Mor my gostly fader, Richard Childe, John Bene and other. Yeven the day, moneth and yere abovewretyn.

Proved at Lambeth, July 6th, 1509.

1508. WILLIAM SPEKYNTON.

[23 Bennett.]

March 8th, 1508. William Spekynton, bachelor in either law, vicar[1] of the parish church of Dultyng, priest. My body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Dultyng or where I happen to die. Cathedral church of Wells 20*d.*

[1] 1486, Feb. 13, W. S., LL.B., inst. to Doulting, which he held till his death. *Somerset Incumbents*, 80.

Cathedral church of Sarum 8*d.* I have delivered for my funeral expenses during my lifetime whilst sound in mind and memory leaving it to the discretion of my executor. The rest of my goods I bequeath for the health of my soul and for the souls of my parents and benefactors and of all the faithful dead according to the discretion of my executor. I make Sir John Hardiberd, chaplain of St. John Glaston, my executor. And the Reverend Father in Christ and lord, Lord William[1] by divine permission Archbishop of Canterbury, my overseer. To the said Sir John Hardiberd I bequeath one standing goblet with cover partly gilt. To the said Reverend Father one silver chalice with paten entirely gilt, one paxbred entirely gilt and enamelled, and two silver cruets partly gilt.

Witnesses: Sir John Bradon vicar choral of the parish church of Dultyng and Sir John Golafre chaplain of the fraternity there. I have placed my seal.

Proved November 29th, 1509.

1509. JOHN BUTSTON.

[24 Bennett.]

April 12th, 1509. John Butston of Mynhed. My body to holy grave. The church of Mynhed a salt of silver. The store of B.M. in the said church one girdle of silver. Sir Peter Trotth 10*s.* Sir John Stably 20*s.* The lights of the said church to each light 4*d.* Joan daughter of Richard Zevere six silver spoons and one silver girdle and a brass pot. Margare my daughter the second best silver cup, another cup called a maser, and six silver spoons. Richard Yevere one-half of my debts which appear in my book. Half the ship which is called "Puppis" to a priest to celebrate for one year for me and my friends.

Residue: Margaret my wife (executrix).

Overseers and witnesses: Sir Peter Trotth, John Watts, Robert Doble, John Doble, Thomas Butston, Richard Yevere.

Proved January 18th, 1509.

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[1] William Warham, Abp. of Canterbury, 1503–1533.

1509. JOHN HARMAN.

[20 Bennett.]

May 10th, 1509. John Harman. My body to be buried in the burying place of the parishioners of Brewton wherever it shall please God. To the cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* To the image of St. Mary in the nave of the priory church of Brewton 12*d.* To the fraternity of B.M. in the parish chapel of Brewton 12*s.* To the work of the church of Pridy 20*d.* To the work of the said new chapel of St. Mary of Brewton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the work of the parish church of Brewton 12*d.* Richard Boegy, Sir Richard Vowell, John Lowcocke, John Taylor, to each of them one sheep or 20*d.* that they may bear witness to the said bequests.

Residue: Agnes my daughter that she with her husband may dispose part of it for the welfare of my soul and part of it for their own use.

In witness I have placed my seal.

Proved October 22nd, 1509.

1509. ALICE TRAPP *ALS.* ADAM.

[21 Bennett.]

June 24th, 1509. Alice Trap̃ late the wif of John Adam of the parisshe of Seynt Cuthbertts of Wellys. My body to be buried in the chapel of Jhu in the parisshe churche afore rehersed. To the moder church of Seynt Andrewe 12*d.* To the high aulter of Seynt Cuthbertts 3*s.* 4*d.* To the reparacon of the said church 2*s.* To every aulter of the same church 12*d.* and to my confessor 2*s.* I bequeth and geve to Walter Serger and Mawde his wif and to any of their childern aftir their best discrecion the residewe of the yeres of the tenement that I dwell yn now. To an honest preest to syng for my soule, my housebonds late John Adam, and all cristen 16 mr̃c for 2 yeres service, the first yere to syng at the aulter of Ihu in the church aforesaid, the secunde yere to syng in the same church at the aulter of Seynt John Baptist so that he attend the service ther daiely accustomed. Also I will and charge streightley Walter Serger that after my departyng that Ede Stadam have every

weke 4*d.* paid of the londs and tenements that my son Richard Adam shalhave and other necessary things as hõsen, shoes, lynnen and woollen according as a poore woman. Also I geve and bequeth my tenement of Chedder to the Almeshouse of Wells aftir this forme to be used. First for myn obite to the preests of the same house 6*d.*, and to 4 chauntry preests of Seynt Cuthbertts to be at my dirige and masse, to every of theym 4*d.*, and to every man or woman of that same house beyng att dirige and masse 1*d.* And the residue to the advantage and moost profitt to the house. Also to my sõn Rĩc Adam 10*li.* of goods and lawfull money of Englond. The residue of all my goods not bequethed I geve and bequeth to Walter Serger whom I ordeyn and make my faithfull executor chargeyng hym in speciall to order and gyde myn housebond Nicholas Trap as a man aftir his worship and degree, the daies of his life and to doo for hym at his departyng lyke a man of his behavor, and [I make] Sir Richard Pomerey oversear of the same.

Witnesses to the premisses, Sir Robert Carter, Sir William Milner, John Smyth and Willm̃ Bultynge.

Proved at Lambeth, November 10th, 1509.

1509. THOMAS ELYS.

[20 Bennett.]

July 12th, 1509. Thomas Elys. My body to be buried in the parish church of All Saints of Este Pennard. To the lights of the said church 3*s.* To the said church one cow. The fabric of the church of Wells 12*d.* Robert Nobill my best gown. William Philippys another gown. Rose and Elienor daughters of my son William one pasture called "Curtysclosse." To the termes of the yeres more pleynly cõteyned in my dede to the contentacõn of eighty yeres till the term aforesaid be expired. And if the oon dye within the said time that then the other to have an occupy the grounde during the said yeres. And if they deye both within the said time that then I will that the saide grounde shall remayn to the profitt of Alhalows of Estepennard till the time of eighty yeres be expired. To the said Roose and Elienor sixty sheep, also I will that all my household within my

doorys after my dethe with my two wenys and all manner of ploughgayer shall remayn to the said Roose and Elienor to be departed equally by twixt theym bothe. To the said Roose and Elienor five marcs in money to be recovered of my detts. To the said Rose and Elienor 6 hede of yong bestes which bests restith within the said grownde of "Courtisclosse."

Residue: Sir John Lucas, Richard Hyllard, and John Pytt (executors).

Witness: Sir Walter Redyng.

Proved October 22nd, 1509.

1509. JOHN CORNYS.

[38 Bennett.]

July 15th, 1509. John Cornys. My body to buried where it pleases God. The light of Holy Cross in the parish church of Dunster 12*d.* Light of B.M. 12*d.* Light of St. George 12*d.* Light of the dead 12*d.* The prior of Dunster for tithes forgotten 2*s.*

To each of my two sons £14.

Residue: Agnes my wife (executrix).

Proved February 27th, 1510.

1509. WALTER MANNE.

[1 Jankyn.]

August 12th, 1509. Walter Manne of Bridgewater. To be buried in the churchyard of B.M.V. of Bridgewater. Cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To Joan, Isabel, Alice, and Matilda my daughters (each) £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Julian my wife all my burgages, rents, lands and tenements, which I have within the town of Bridgewater or elsewhere in the county of Somerset.

Residue: Julian my wif (executor).

Overseers: Robert Mychell, Thomas Howper.

Witnesses: John Otrye, John Reed chaplain.

Proved February 12th, 1528.

1509. THOMAS AUSTELL.

[8 HOLDER.]

August 24th, 1509, 1 Hen. VIII. Thomas Austell. My body to be buried in the cathedral church of St. Peter of the city of Exeter next the tomb of Master Thomas Kyrckby once treasurer there. To the chest "*de Cantariis non celebratis*" 40*s.* To the fabric of the chest 20*s.* To the common chest 40*s.* To the parish church of Tayngton Regis to pray for my soul 6*s.* To the parish church of Cheryton Fytyzpayn to pray for me as in the parish of Tayngton if they will, £10, according to the rate of the money, if not, 40*s.* To the parish church of Nympton Episcopi to pray for me after the manner of the church of Tayngton and according to the rate of the money £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of St. Probus in Cornwall after the same manner £20. To the Fraternity of Tayngton Regis 40*s.* To the chapel of Hyweke after the same manner £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Exeter College in Oxford to pray for me 40*s.* To the Convent of Canalegh [Canonlegh] to pray for me 53*s.* 4*d.* To the Convent of Polleslowe 13*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of Yalington to pray for me "secundum formam Tatyngton" £20. To the house of St. John the Baptist in Exeter 20*s.* To the house of the Friars Preachers of Exeter 10*s.* To the house of the Friars Minors 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Convent of Cowyk 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Fraternity of the parish church of Ede 40*s.* on this condition that they keep my obit after my death for 20 years and after this manner, viz., with two priests and they shall have 8*d.*, the clerk to have 2*d.*, the wardens (*iconii*[1]) to offer for my soul at the Mass 1*d.*, and the bell-ringers 1*d.* To the hospital of St. Mary Magdalene at Exeter 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Fraternity of Dunchedyocke 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Combton Martyn in Somerset my manual and 6*s.* 8*d.* To the cathedral church of Wells to keep my obit for 20 years £20. To the cathedral church of Exeter all my belongings, with which to expend 13*s.* 4*d.* on my obit yearly from the year after my death, and if the officiator be a canon he shall have double. To the parish church of Dalyshewake [Dowlish-Wake] for my obit in the same manner as at Ede 40*s.* and one pair of vestments. To the

[1] Iconii for Œconomi, wardens.

vicars of Wells to pray for me after what manner they please £20. To the convent of vicars of the cathedral of Exeter 40*s.* To Master Russewell to be paid to him every term at Oxford for three years 5*s.* To the venerable man Master John Veyse Precentor of the cathedral church of Exeter my book of twenty-four chronicles (xxiv *cronicorum*) on the condition that after his death it be disposed to another venerable man a canon of the same cathedral, that it may please them to pray for the soul of Master Patrick Holyborton. To Emmote my sister my best gown with my best ring, six spoons with "liberdys hedes" three cups, bolles, and one cover with my arms "in capite" one silver basin and ewer and £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, and after her death I will that Thomas her son have all the said plate. And if he die without heirs it shall be divided among his sisters and if they die it shall remain to the right heirs of Michael Kelly. To Elinor my sister's daughter £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Joan my sister's daughter £10. To Edmund Sentlaw my second best gown, a silver cup with the cover, and a silver basin with ewer on condition that after his death they remain to Thomas my godson (*filiolo*). To the daughter of the said Edmund to her marriage £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, if she wish to marry with my advice, otherwise nothing. To Joan Bamfyld my sister's daughter £10. To William Kellegh a black gown and 40*s.* To Nicholas Kellegh the same. To the four wardens (*custodibus*) a black gown each. To the shoemaker, tailor, barber, laundress and to John Merdon, to each of them a black gown and 12*d.* To the wife of William Panter a black gown and another gown and three gobletts "de Morshyll" with the covers and 40*s.* To Master John Beckam canon of Wells a silver cup. To John Kelly clerk at Oxford 5*s.* a year for five years. To Michael Kelly a gilt cup, a feather bed complete, a black gown and £5. To his wife a pair of beads of white amber, and to his son and heir a black gown, a gilt spoon with my arms, and 3 gobletts with the covers. To every rector and parish priest in Exeter 12*d.* To the house and convent of S. Nicholas of Exeter to pray for me 13*s.* 4*d.* To the repair of the bridge of Tong next Nuton Busshell 20*s.* To Sir R. Pomar vycar of Wellys a payer of bedys of whyte evory greate of v sett. To Sir Veyzey 6*s.* 8*d.* with a velvet powche. To Syr Thomas West 6*s.* 8*d.* To

Maistres Myll my boke of prayers with a ryng of golde with a stone and my tabelett that I use to wher aboute my necke. To Jenett West 20*s.* Yf ther be not so meyny gobletts of that sorte as I have bequethed, then I wyll the valewe. The greate coberd in the greate chamber is Master Patryks to whom I was executor, hys boke canne showe how hit stondyth be twene hym and me and lykewise doyth my boke and testament what is done and what remayneth. To Water Kelly a blake gowne, a fetherbed, a bolster and 6*s.* 8*d.* To hys doughters mariage 13*s.* 4*d.* To Olyver of Stabyll a golde ryng without a stone. To my launder at Welles 20*d.* To Cornych wyff 2*s.* To my Lorde of Glastynberry a payer of beedys of x stonys sylver and gilt that was Byshop Lacy's. To Syr John a fetherbed with a bolster. The residue to Master John Veyzy, Master R. Norton, Master John Becham and John Chauntrell my executors to specially dispose my goodes for the exhibition of poor scholars at Oxford, and to each of them I bequeath 100*s.* and a jewel to the value of 40*s.* To Master Speke knight my supervisor a cup silver and gilt and 40*s.*

Proved at Lambeth (no date).

1509. WALTER CROSSMAN.

[20 Bennett.]

September 29th, 1509. Walter Crossman. My body to be buried in the church of Blakedon [Blagdon] Fabric of mother church of Wells 12*d.* Church of Blakdon 28 lb. of wax. John my son, a cup with a cover of silver. Convent of Wytham a toon of wyn. John my son that tenement which is called "Ilwyke and Benley." Thomas my son that tenement which is called "Lachehouse."

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Supervisors: William Wosley and Thomas Breuke, and each to have 20*s.*

Proved October 22nd, 1509.

1509. RICHARD PHILIPS.

[22 Bennett.]

October 13th, 1509. Richard Philippys of Brewton. My body to be buried within the parish church of Brewton. Fabric

of mother church of Wells 12*d.* For the repair of the parish church of Bruton 40*d.* Fraternity of B.M. in the same church 6*s.* 8*d.* Fraternity of the B.M. of Lymm Regis 6*s.* 8*d.* Alice and Anne my daughters £20 in equal portions.

Residue: Alice my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Richard Pyne, merchant of Lym Regis, and Robert Rotheram, chaplain.

Witnesses: Robert Rotheram chaplain, John Bleke chaplain, John Bishoppe chaplain, Roger Stere, tanner (*frunitore*).

Proved November 10th, 1509.

1509. THOMAS CHAPMAN.

[25 Bennett.]

October 15th, 1509. Thomas Chapman parishioner of Compton Marten. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Michael the Archangel of Compton Marten. Fabric of cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Church of St. Michael of Compton 2*s.*, and two torches price 10*s.* Church of St. Bartholomew of Obley 12*d.* Church of B.M. of West Harptre 12*d.* Church of St. Nicholas of Stoke 12*d.*

Residue: John Chapman my son and Thomas Brokewell (executors).

Witnesses: Sir John Steregge, Thomas Webbe, Richard Belhouse. I have placed my seal.

Proved February 8th, 1509.

1509. JANE BOWCHER.

[7 Fetiplace.]

October 25th, 1509. Dame Jane Bowcher of Colley of the parisshe of Esthartre. My body to be buryed in the churche of Esthartre. To the moder churche of Seynt Andrewe in the towne of Wells 12*d.* To the church of Estherptre 6*s.* 8*d.* and my proffessed ryng and my weddyng ryng and 5*s.* in money to maynteigne the light before Oure Lady and Seynt Kateryn. To the parisshe church of Alhalowen of Henton 5*s.* To Dave Richard my son of the Charterhouse 20*s.* To the four orders of freers of Bristow 26*s.* 8*d.* To my gostly fader Sir John

Carnecke 6*s.* 8*d.* To every godchilde 4*d.* The residue of all my goods afore not bequeathed to my two sonnes Thomas and William to be departed betwene theym bothe as nyghe as their conscience will geve them, the oon half to Thomas and the other half to William and I charge everyche of theym bothe with his parte to dispose and doo for my soule welthe and for theirs as well as they can or may devise and I ordeyne them myn executors the yere and day abovesaid.

Proved at Lambeth, May 7th, 1512.

1509. THOMAS MARTYN.

[30 Bennett.]

October 27th, 1509. Thomas Martyn parson of the churche of Norton [Fitzwarren]. My body to holy erthe to be buried in the chapell of Our Lady of Pylton [Devon] in the south part nyghe the walle under the pardon and the indulgence there. To oon honest preest to syng for me oon yere, 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Unto the poore people of Seynt Margaret of Pylton aforesaid, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Causey of Pylton aforesaid, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the pore people dwelling in the Almeslane of Barnstaple 6*s.* 8*d.* To the payntyng of oon pagyont in the Roode Lofte in the churche of Pylton aforesaid, 26*s.* 8*d.* The residewe of all my goodes beyng in Norton foreseid, except 6*li.* to me reserved and to my supervisors before not bequethed, I geve and bequeth to the churche of Norton forsaid and I make the wardeyns of the saide churche there myn executors. And that they ordeyne and dispose, except before except, all the saide goodes for the welthe of my soule and to the behoffe and profitt of the said churche as they seme moost best. Also I ordeyne and constitute John Goddyslave and John Lymbre my trusty supervisors. And that they ordeyne and dispose all suche goodes as I have here in Pylton and Barnstaple forseid for the welthe of my soule and all cristen soules as they shall answere before the face of God at the day of Judgement, per me Johem Beamont Priore Beate Marie de Pylton; Vale.

Proved at Lambeth, August 20th, 1510.

[1502, Jan. 18, Thomas Martin, instituted Rector of Norton Fitzwarren, *Somerset Incumbents*, 409.

1509, Feb. 8, Tho. Prowes, per mort. T. M.]

1509. JOHN PERYN.

[24 Bennett.]

November 6th, 1509. John Peryn of Wellyngton B. and W. diocese in the presence of Sir Adam Lewys my curate, Thomas Barkcorne, Richard Edwards provost of the town aforesaid, William Sapcott, William Coldwyll with others of my neighbours then present. My body to be buried in the parish church of Wellyngton. To the high altar of the same church 12*d.* To the high cross my best gown. To the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To Sir Adam Lewys my curate 3*s.* 4*d.*, to pray for my soul and for the souls of my parents and benefactors. To the building of the new tower of Buckland 3*s.* 4*d.* To the fabric of the new tower of the parish church of Longford 3*s.* 4*d.* To each of my sons if they live and come to lawful age £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, and I will that if any of them die before mature and perfect age, or if by chance all die before they come to the years of discretion that then my executrix shall spend all the said sum of money in having masses celebrated and in other pious uses.

Residue: Katerine my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Sir Adam Lewys, John Cade, and John Bisshop.

Proved January 18th, 1509.

1509. ALISON TOGWELL.

[27 Bennett.]

November 13th, 1509. Alson Togwell, wydow of the towne of Tawnton, etc. My body to be buried within the church of the Priory in west end beside the body of my husbond. To the cathedral church of Seynt Andrew of Wells 4*d.* To my Lord the Pryor for dewties forgoten in tyme past, 10*s.* To Mag. Bery, vicar of Mawdleyns 20*s.* to pray for me. To Margaret Bense my doughter 40*li.* in money or money worth lawfull stuff of this condicion that she nor hir husband shall not intromytte nothing with my testament. I will that Margaret Bense have the hedyng of Long Mede. To John Togwell his ij sonnes Thomas and Alexander betwene theym bothe a pype of Wode and a packe of clothe, wareclothes, I will that Thomas Togwell have the eldyng of an aker and a quarter

of grownde at Hurtylldyche. I will that William Walber have the barne at Poole-Wall with all the ground longyng to and the orchard so that he fynd yercly for me an obite to pray for me and my frends. I will that he have a pype of Wode. I will that he have vj silver sponys. I will that Mawde, hir ij doughters every of theym a harneysed girdell also every of theym a peyre of bedes, halfe a sawter a pece. I will Robert Walber have halfe a packe of clothe tawnton. I will Alexander Bense have ij peces of Dowles and ij peces of Lokeram. I will Alice Bense have a *pece*[1] of bedys of corell and a gyrdill harneysed with silver and gilt. I will that if any of all thies childern departe and dye before they be of lawfull age, then the goodes to remayn and to be geven to hym or hir that lyveth longist of theym. To the newe warke of Mawdlyns 40*s.* To the reparacion of the high wey in Estryge, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the highe crosse service and the sepulker every of theym 40*d.* To Oure Lady of Wyllyscomb a gerdyll of moiry[2] harnesched with silver. To the vycar of Wyliscombe 10 yerds of cloth to make hym a surplys, of 10*d.* a yerd. To the parisshe of Thorn a basyn of latyn. To every of my godchildern 4*d.* To Agnes Mylward my servant 40*s.* To John Body 20*s.*, and to every of theym a new crocke. To John Pownd half a packe of cloth. I will that Richard and every of theym [have] a pece of ware cloth. To Esabell Togwell a pece of Dowles. I will Sir Thomas Harvy have a goblett of silver. To every of my brethern childern a peyre of shetes. To Sir John Raybon 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir Thomas Harvy 6*s.* 8*d.* To every prest of Mawdelyne beyng at my dirige and masse 20*d.* I will there be a chapell bield under Seynt George in thonor of hym byeld in the best manner. I will and ordeyne John Walber and Mawde his wif to be my sole executours to have all my goodes not bequest and bestowe suche goodes as shall lyke then best for the welth of my soule. I will that Roger Hill constabill, and Mag. Bery vicary of Mawdlyn be myn overseers to see my will be fulfilled and every of theym to have for their labor 10*s.*

Proved at Lambeth, March 25th, 1510.

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[1] *Pere* but written *pece*.
[2] Watered silk.

1509. JOHN GRYME.

[26 Bennett.]

November 15th, 1509. John Gryme of Freckeford in the parish of Dunster, my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. George of Dunster. Fabric of the parish church of Dunster £6 13*s.* 4*d.* Light of the high cross 20*d.* Light of the dead there 20*d.* Fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* The Prior of Dunster for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* Sir John Wykys monk 12*d.* Sir Thomas Kaynesham monk 12*d.* Sir John Assheley monk 12*d.* Sir John Holcomb my confessor and curate there at that time 6*s.* 8*d.* Joan Blake and Alice Jenkyn my god-daughters (each) 6*s.* 8*d.* John Keper my godson 3*s.* 4*d.* John Gryme son of William Gryme 6*s.* 8*d.* William Gryme son of William Gryme my late brother 6*s.* 8*d.* Joan Lang wife of Walter Lang 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Sir John Holcomb my confessor and Richard Holcomb.

Witnesses: William Henley, Robert Keper, Thomas Juyner, William Jenkyn and many others.

Proved February 21st, 1509.

1509. THOMAS CLOPP.

[27 Bennett.]

February 13th, 1509. Thomas Clopp, my body to be buried in the churchyard of B.M. of the parish church of Chard. Fabric of St. Andrew, Wells 12*d.* Vicar for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the store of the church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the store of St. Katerine 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Ema my wife (executrix).

Overseers: William Selwood and John Bakar.

Witnesses: John Barly, John Collys and many others, and I, William Pimpill, parish priest, was present there.

Proved March 25th, 1510.

1509. WILLIAM HILL.

[28 Bennett.]

March 17th, 1509. William Hill of Radyngton, my body to holy grave in the parish church of Radyngton. To Blessed Michael of Radyngton 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish churches of Baunton, Cleyanger and Chipstabull 20*d.* (each).

Residue: Alice my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: William Stalinge, Robert Waterhouse, William Kympe and many more.

Proved May 2nd, 1510.

1510. WILLIAM SMYTH.

[3 Fetiplace.]

April 12th, 1510. William Smyth, my body to be buried in the churchyard of the church of St. Andrew of Blackedon, Fabric of mother church of Wells 12*d.* Church of Blackedon. 6*s.* 8*d.* John Plaste one cow or 6*s.* 8*d.* Joan, Elizabeth, Agnes, and Isabel my daughters (each) 12*d.* Thomas Browke 20*s.*

Residue: Margaret my wife (executrix).

Overseer: James Layson and for his labour 10*s.*

Proved September 4th, 1511.

1510. ELISABETH FITZ-JAMES.

[28 Bennett.]

Elisabeth Fitz-james, my body to be buried in the churche of Milverton. To 4 scolers, preests, to syng for me in Oxford for the terme of oon hole year 13*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, that is to wete 5 marks, for every oon of theym. To every of my god-children 4*d.* in money. To the churche of Milverton 20*s.* To the church of Halse 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Hefyld 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church-house of Woke an oke. To the vicar of Halse to pray for me 3*s.* 4*d.* Also, of all suche rents as is above of Clothworthy and of my joynture of Brōton Raff and Tollonde, I bequeth my doughter Kateryn 13*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* To my doughter Cristian 10*li.* of the same aforesaid, and to my doughter Jone More, I bequeth 40*s.* Unto Elisabeth More doughter unto Jone More

aforesaid, a heffer. To Robert More an oxe. To Emote Browne aforesaid (*sic*) 40*s.* To the vicar of Milverton to syng a trentall for me 2*s.* 6*d.* Also I bequeth more to the said vicar for all tythings forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir Patrike to pray for me 10*s.* To Elisabeth Sampford 2*s.* and to Robert Hoo a bulloke. To Willm Bruge 6*s.* 8*d.* and a kowe. To the churche of Ymmercom̃ 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicar of Immercom̃ 3*s.* 4*d.* Also all such things above rehersed I will that myñ executors Elthred Fitz-james and James Fitz-james my sonnes see as farr as in theym ys to recover and take all suche money as is above of my londs in Clothworthy and my joynture in Brompton Raff and Tollond. And of my londs in will forborne by my son John Jacob and all my goods moevable or otherwise with the rents above aforesaid to the use of my said executors for to fulfil all suche things as is abovesaid. And for oversear I will that John Fitz-james thonger see my will to be performed and for the overplus of such goodes as shall remayne I bequeth hit unto my saide executors Elthrede Fitz-james and James Fitz-james. Made the 4th day of July the first yere of the reign of King Henry the viii anno domini 1509. Witness of this I have called to Robert Lawrence, John Nordon, Richard Batin, John More with other.

Proved at Lambeth, May 7th, 1510.

1510. ALICE STROUDE.

[30 Holder.]

May 9th, 1510. Alice Strowde. To John my son 6 oxen and a plough with all its apparatus and all the crops. To John my elder son a young horse of 3 years of age. To Thomas my son a young horse of 2 years one cow and a heifer. To Mary my maid one cow and one pot of one gallon and a pan of 5 gallons, a pair of sheets and a green veil with flowers inserted. To Thomas Browne 12*d.* the vicar of Cannington 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that my best pair of beads be equally divided into 3 parts, one part to Alice my daughter, another to Elizabeth Compton, and the third to Cecil Redeberde. To Alice my daughter all my girdles and all my bodily apparel. To John Compton one silver chalice with the corporal and superaltar. To Alice Strowde

daughter of Thomas Strowde one heifer of 2 years. William Flayll 4*d.* To Alice my daughter 2 best small beds with all their belongings and with the hangings of my best chamber. To the fabric of the church of Somerton 40*s.* To the vicar there 6*s.* 8*d.* To the fraternity of the Holy Trinity there 10*s.* To one honest chaplain to celebrate for my soul and for all my friends in the church of St. Michael of Somerton for 1 year £5 13*s.* 4*d.* To Thomas Boldoy my gelding (*spadonem*). To Thomas my elder son my exõr. my silver salt. I make John Compton my overseer.

Proved May 18th, 1514.

1510. ROBERT LOTEY.

[35 Bennett.]

September 27th, 1510. Robert Lotey, my body to holy grave in the church of St. John the Baptist of Carhampton. To the light of B.M. 20*d.* The light of St. John Baptist 20*d.* The lights of the Holy Cross, St. Nicholas, St. Radegund, the dead, and St. Christopher 3*s.* 4*d.* The lights of St. Leonard in the priory church of Dunster and of B.M. and St. George in the parish church of Dunster 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir John Fyhilly vicar of Carhampton for tithes forgotten and not fully paid 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Witness: Sir John Holcombe, Thomas Codogan, John Welthere and many others.

Overseers: Thomas Codogan and John Welthere.

Proved November 26th, 1510.

1510. THOMAS BROCKWELL.

[3 Fetiplace.]

October 3rd, 1510. Thomas Brokwell, of Lutton [Lufton] my body to be buried in the church of Seynt Jamys of Lutton. To the werks of the cathedrall churche of Seynt Andrewe, 12*d.* To Our Lady chapell in the monastery of Glasynbery 9*s.* To John Witcomb a gowne furrid with white lame. To John Plumley a gowne, a doblet, a payre of hosen. To John Bate a long cote of ffustian. The residew of all my goodes not bequethed to Isabell my wif the whiche I make and ordeyn myn executrix,

she to dispose all my goodes not bequethed for the welthe of my soule aftir hir discrecion. Also I ordeyne and make my Lord of Glassingbury to be myn oversear.

Proved September 1st, 1511.

1510. JOHN RYNGESTON.

[33 Bennett.]

John Ryngeston, my body to be buried in the Chauncell of Seynt Jamys of Bathe. To the moder church of Wellys, 4*d.* To Seynt Georgy's yelde, 3*s.* 4*d.* The residew of my goods I geve and bequeth to my broder William Ryngeston whiche I make my sole executor to dispose for my soule as he thinke best. I make my cousyn the parson of Seynt Jamys myn oversear that my will be fulfilled, also I geve hym 40*s.* to see that it be doon. This witnesseth Sir Water, Parson of Seynt James and Sir Jamys Chaunceller vicary of Suystoke, and Sir Humphrey Kauke, Sir Thomas Cogan and John Denmare, clerks.

Proved October 29th, 1510.

1510. JOHN FITZ-JAMES.

[34 Bennett.]

October 30th, 1510. John Fitz-James senior of Redlyche. My body to be buried in the nave of the priory church of B.M. of Bruton in co. Somerset in a certain arch on the south side of the holy water stoop there I will that on the day of my burial and on the day of my anniversary my executors distribute among the poorest people as much as they think proper. To each canon there being a priest 12*d.* and to each canon not a priest 8*d.* if they are willing to be present at my exequies and mass and to pray for my soul. I will that my new missal and my paxbrede of silver be used in the chapel of Redlyche aforesaid in honour of Allmighty God and Mary his mother and of St. Anne and St. Leonard and St. Peter and all the saints in heaven. To the church of St. Andrew of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the rector of Yerlington for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To the vicar of Yevill for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To the vicar of Shepton Montague for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To the rector of Trent for tithes forgotten

3*s.* 4*d.* To the vicar of Quenecammell for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To the reverend father in Christ and my most dear brother, Lord Richard, Bishop of London one silver vessel partly gilt called "a spice plate" begging him to accept so small a thing as a memorial of his poor brother. To Isabel my dear wife one silver basin with its ewer one silver pot which she had from the legacy of Alice her mother, also two silver goblets partly gilt with one cover called "chased cupp" one silver goblet with its cover called "a Rose cupp," one silver and gilt goblet with its cover called "a chased cup," one cup called "a goblett," silver and gilt without a cover lately bought at Bristoll one cup silver and gilt without a cover called "a goblett" and two salts silver and gilt with one cover and those spoons which Alice her mother gave to her and all "utensils for her body." To the same Isabel my best bed at Redlyche with all its belongings and the best cover to the same. To the same Isabel four beds for her servants with their matrasses and other belongings and her own bed with sheets, tableclothes and garments which she had from Alice her mother, and all the things which the said Isabel formerly had and bought of William Aysheley. To the said Isabel one feather bed which formerly was at Bristoll and also two other feather beds at Redlyche with all their belongings. To John my son and heir one standing cup silver and gilt with its cover which formerly I had of the gift of John Neuborogh my uncle, one cup called "a goblett," with a cover of silver and gilt, one cup silver and gilt "flatt and chased" with a cover, one standing cup silver and gilt with a cover called "a chased cupp," one silver cupp called "an apetrull," one standing silver and partly gilt cup with cover two silver and gilt salts with one cover one "chaffyng Dyshe" of silver two silver candelsticks with double "snoffer" one silver basin and ewer which I had of the gift of the said John Neuborogh and a silver pot. To the said John Fitz-james all my other beds at Redlyche except those previously bequeathed with their belongings. To the same John Fitz-james 20 oxen and 20 cows and all my sheep being at Lyde. To each of my daughters one silver cup called "a bolle" of which there are six cups. To John Marshall and Joan his wife all my beds at Glastonbury with their belongings. To the said Isabel my wife 10 oxen and 10 cows and all my sheep being at Milton Clivedon.

Residue to Richard Bishop of London Isabel my wife and John Fitz-James, my son, and I make them my executors.

Witnesses: Thomas Fitz-James, John Walton, John Tracy, Elizabeth Vowell, Mary Fitz-James and others.

Proved December 10th, 1510.

1510. SIR THOMAS ORCHARD.

[35 Bennett.]

December 2nd, 1510. Sir Thomas Orchard, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Evercryche. My body to be buried in the porch of the said parish church. To Sir John Orchard my brother and Sir Thomas Shelingford rector of Westcamell and Sir William Chewe, rector of Chilton near Mudford all my sheep to pay Sir Robert Olyver of Pryston lately vicar of Frome a sum of 20 marks which I owe him.

Residue: Sir John Orchard my brother (executor).

Proved January 7th, 1510.

1510. JOHN KEY.

[37 Bennett.]

December 25th, 1510. John Key, mercer of Southpetherton. My body to be buried in the parisshe church of Seynt Peter and Paul of South Petherton, there to have a preest to syng for my soule the space of 12 moneths. To the Roode Lofte 15*s.* To the Brethren of Our Lady v marke to bye a white coope of sylke damaske. To my gostly fader 10*s.* To the churche of Seynt Andrew of Wellys 12*d.* To the Freers of Ilchester to be praid for 3*s.* 4*d.* To my son Thomas 20 marks. To my three doughters, Johane, Mary and Margett, to every of theym 20 nobills and if any of theym departe out of this world the said money to remayne to theym that overlyve. To my brother William Key 6*s.* 8*d.* To my two susters Agnes and Florence 13*s.* 4*d.* The residue of my goods full and hole to Agnes my wif whom I make myn executrice to thentent that she take upon hir thexecucion of this my present testament and last will.

Witness herof: John Byrte gent, William Rollar, Water Sillyngford, I have sett to my seale. Yeven the day and yere abovesaid.

Proved February 28th, 1510.

1510. JOHN ROSE.

[38 Bennett.]

January 24th, 1510. John Rose of Frome Selwode. My body to be buried in the church of St. John the Baptist of Frome. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the canopy of the church of Frome, 6*s.* 8*d.* The light of B.M. there 8*d.* The high cross of the same church 4*d.* The light of souls there 4*d.* The light of St. Andrew there 4*d.* The light of All Saints there 4*d.* To the church of B.M. of Bekyngton 10*s.* and one silver girdle harnessed of the value of 20*s.* To the Carthusian House of Henton 13*s.* 4*d.* To the four houses of the four orders of friars at Bristoll 6*s.* 8*d.* (each). To ten churches round Frome 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To the church of St. Peter of Shefftysbury 6*s.* 8*d.* To my godchildren 12*d.* (each). To John and Joan son and daughter of Robert Towker of Nuny £6 13*s.* 4*d.* in money and goods, and if it happen that either of them die, then the said sum to the survivor and if both die, then it shall be given to a priest to celebrate for the health of my soul and of their souls and all my friends' souls. To an honest priest to be hired by my executrix to celebrate masses for my soul for one whole year £6. To the house of the B.M. of Witham of the Carthusian order 20*s.* and I desire that the prior of the said house be the overseer of this my will, if it please him. I make John Chik senior another overseer to whom for his labour 10*s.* Residue: Cristina my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir Nicholas Ashe, Sir William Saxe, clerks, John Chik, senior, and Nicholas Corshey. Proved May 7th, 1511.

1510. JOHN JEFFREYS *ALS.* COCKES.

[38 Bennett.]

February 14th, 1510. John Jeffereys otherwise called John Cockys, citizen and alderman of Bathe. My body to be buried in the chapell of Seynt Kateryn in the Teyme.[1] To the moder church off Wellys 3*s.* 4*d.* To Mãg vicary of Stall my gostly fader 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Chapman my best skarlett gowne. To every parisshe churche in the deanery of Bathe 10*s.* of the which said money the churche shalhave 6*s.* 8*d.*, the curat shalhave of the said churche 8*d.* for dirige and masse and a

[1] St. Catherine's Chapel, four miles from Bath, annexed to Batheaston.

solempn pell [peal] to be rong at my dirige and every ryngar shalhave a peny and a peny for ale to make theym drynke, and the remayner of the said money to be distributed to the poore people of the said parisshe. To every parisshe church of the deanery of Poterȳn an old noble of 9*s.* of the whiche some every suche churche to have 6*s.* 8*d.*, and every curat 8*d.* to say dirige and masse as sone as they here of my decesse and a solempn pell to be rongẽn at dirige and every ryngar 1*d.* and a peny to drynke, and the remayner of the money to be distributed to the poore people of the said parisshe by the vyse of the curat and the proctors of the said parisshe. I bequeth 20*li.* unto the Mayre of Bathe and to the counsaill and to theyre successours for evermore, that the said Mayre for the tyme beyng shall see or provide that the said money shall bye yerely certeyn greynes that is to say, whete, barley, benys, and malt to the socour and sustentacion of the people of the saide citie upon promesse that every man of the citie that will have every of the said greynes shall putt yn poset mony or sufficyent suerty to the Mayre beyng for the said tyme or to such officers that be assigned by the Mayre and the counsaill of the said citie soo that the sõm of money that is to sey of 20*li.* to be delivered oonys by the yere holly at Corpus Xr̃i tyde at the Meyres accounts and soo to contynew from yere to yere while the worlde shall endure. I bequeth my house the whiche standeth in Chepe Strete unto the churche of Seynt Mary of Stall soo that the church and the proctors shall exoner and bere the borden off 7*s.* by the yere that is to sey 6*s.* 8*d.* to the Ester tapyr and 4*d.* to the curat of the said churche shall opyn and declare unto the peopill upon Ester daye that they shall praye for the said John Jeffereys soule and for Johane and Isabell his wiffs and thoo that he woold have prayed for. To every preest that cometh to my burying 8*d.* also at my moneths mynde likewise, and vi torches to be ordeyned to my besynes and after v of theym to be delivered to the parisshe churches and the vjth torche to Seynt Kateryns chapell. I bequethed xx*li.* to be dealid in three parts, first at my burying, the secunde at my trigintall, the thirde at myn yeres mynde, and so to be dealid, penydole to every man woman and child that cometh therto. I bequeth to an honest preest for the space of vij yeres and every yere to have 6*li.*, the

some of the hole 42*li.* for the saide yeres. I bequeth and ordeyn that the space of vij yeres while my preest syngith for me every lent vi dolys of brede to be dealt and distributed amongst poore people to every of theym oon ferdyng the sõm of 6*s.* and the saide dolys to be kept in the churche of Seynt Mary of Stallys the hole sõm of 12*li.* 12*s.* To the Pryour of Bath 20*s.* To his covent 20*s.* To the said Pryour a peyre of aundyronys. To the house of Seynt John Baptist 2*s.* To the Abbey of Henton 6*s.* 8*d.* Unto the iiij orders of Freers of Bristowe 10*s.* Unto the churche house of Brewton a doseyn silver sponeys of the which the knappys be gilt the syne of strowberys and also a doseyn of garnyshe vessell that is to sey a charger, xii platters, xii potyngers and xii sawcerys also two brygandyesse two brochys a mete clothe and a towell. To my cosyn John Cockye the value of 5*li.* To my cosyn Thomas Cockys 40*s.* To my cosyn John Cokys 20*s.* To Jone Cokys the doughter of John Cokys 40*s.* To Nempe hir suster 20*s.* To John Middilton my prentys the valor of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* To Alson Rumsey my servñt the value of 5*li.* To William Smyth my prentise 20*s.* To Edmunde Smyth my godson the valor of 40*s.* To Mawde my servñt 6*s.* 8*d.* To Jone Clerke my servñt 6*s.* 8*d.* To Margery Strong my servñt 6*s.* 8*d.* To Avys my servñt 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Derby my servñt in horses and harneys 40*s.* To Isabell Schepard my servñt 3*s.* 4*d.* I bequeth a spice plate of silver and gilt to the heldhall of Bath. To Ede Chapman a skarlett gowne. To Thomas Momford of Boxe a skarlett lyned gowne. To William Balle of Bath Eston a gowne. To William Carpynter 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Clerke masyn 3*s.* 4*d.* To John Gunner otherwise called John Stayner citezen of Bath 10*li.* To John Kent citezen of Bath 10*li.* The whiche John Gunner and John Kent I make myn executours. To Richard Estenton vicar of Seynt Mary Stall 20*s.* To Thomas Chepman alderman of Bath 20*s.* The which Robert (*sic*) and Thomas I ordeyne and make supervisors of this my testament soo that all my will fulfilled and my legats payed, the residew off my goodes I putt to the discrecion of myn executours. In witness heroff, Sir Richard Estenton my gostly fader, Thomas Chepman alderman and Woddeward alderman of the said citie with other moo.

Proved April 11th, 1511.

1511. HENRY SKIDMOUR.

[5 Fetiplace.]

March 26th, 1511. Henry Skidmor rector of Hardyngton. My body to be buried in the church of B.M.V. of Hardyngton. Cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* Residue: John Bevyn, esquire (executor). Proved November 18th, 1511.

[Testator was instituted to Hardington-Mandeville, October 21st, 1472, *Somerset Incumbents*, 95.]

1511. SIR EDMUND GORGES, KNT.

[7 Fetiplace.]

April 26th, 1511. Sir Edmond Gorges knyght, Lorde of Wraxhall in Somersettshire. My body to be buried in the chauncell within the parisshe churche of All Seynts in Wraxhall forsaid. To the high aulter of the same church for forgoten tythings and offerings by me necligently doon 20*s.* To the cathedrall churche of Welles toward the reparacion of the same 3*s.* 4*d.* To Wraxhall church there me to be had in mynde yerely in every quatuor tempore[1] as it is there used £3 6*s.* 8*d.* Over this to the same churche of Wraxhall a gowne of crymsyn velvett to make a peyre of vestments for the high aulter. To the same churche also in recompense of myn offerings behotẽn to divers places for me in my sekenesse a chalice to the valeur of £5 to be occupied for all halowẽn. I will that there be song and said for my soule and all cristen soules a trentall of masses the day of my burying and the daye of my moneths mynde. Furthermore that every ordre of the 4 ordres of freers at Bristoll syng and say also for my soule and all cristen soules a trentall of masses and every ordre to have for their labor 13*s.* 4*d.*, and a quarter of beyffe. To Yatton churche, Clyvdons churche, Kyngeston, Waltoñ, Westoñ, Porteshede, Clopton, Portbury, Estone, Lye, and Ashtons churche to every of theym 3*s.* 4*d.* To Barowgurney churche 3*s.* 4*d.*, and to the covent of the same 3*s.* 4*d.* To the chapell of Burton 6*s.* 8*d.* To Backwells churche 3*s.* 4*d.* To Chelvys church 3*s.* 4*d.* To the chapell of Naylsee 6*s.* 8*d.* To Tykynhm̃ church 6*s.* 8*d.* To my son William Goorges the maner of Birdecombe with all thappurtenances

[1] The four Ember seasons (see *Wells Wills*, p. 38).

lying in Wraxhall, Naylsee, Tykynhm̃ and Porteshed. To my son William Gorges the hole house and the mogge house with all their appurtenances in the parisshe of Tykynhm̃ to hold the said maner of Birdecombe and the holehouse and moggehouse to him and to his heyres in fee for ever. And if soo be that he dye without heyres then the said maner and the holehouse and moggehouse to remayne to the right heyres of me the said Sir Edmond Gorges. To my son John Gorges an annuytie of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* to be paid of my son Edward and of my wif Jane late the wif of Sir Morgan Kydwelly, *i.e.* £3 6*s.* 8*d.* of the revenues and rents of my son Edward's lands and £3 6*s.* 8*d.* of the revenues and rents of the lands of my wiffes joynter during his lif naturall yerely to be paid. To my son Edward Gorges a gowne of tawny velvett and a gowne of blake velvett, a doblett of cloth of gold a gowne of fyne blake with a hode, a jakett of blake velvett garded with cloth of golde. To my son William Gorges 2 chamlett gownes, oon sengle and another furred, a jakett of blake velvett with slevys and all my hooses. To my son John Gorges a gowne of blake velvett lyned with sarsenett a jakett of velvett without slevys, a gowne of tawny chamlett, a gowne of tawny cloth furred with blake bogee, a motley cotte. To Sir Theobald Piers vicary of Portebury to pray for me 40*s.* To my Lady Jane my wif all such goodes which came by hir owt of Dorsetshire on this condicion. In primis, to pay my son John Gorges yerely during his lif £3 6*s.* 8*d.* of the revenues of hir joynter, to make my tombe at hir costes and charge drawyng to the value of 20 m̃rke; she to pay for the chalice which ys bequethen to Alhalowen in recompense of myn offerings behoten for me, and to geve to my son Thomas Newton and to my doughter Margarett a certeyn of all maner of stuff of householde to helpe them to begynne their householde, and also to pay my son William Gorges yerely 40*s.* during his liff to fynde a preest syngyng in Wraxhale for my soule and all cristen soules the space of 4 yeres fully to be completed and also paye fully and holly all my detts. And she this dooyng to have all hir forsaid goods etc.

Residue to Edward Gorges my son and heyre whom I make my executor to dispose it for the welth of my soule and

all cristen soules as it besemyth hym best to doo. And Thomas Jubbes lerneman supervisor and oversear having for his labor 40*s.*

Acta fuerunt hec prout scribuntur anno et die supradict His testibus, Dño Thoma Gyllyngham rectore de Wraxhale, dño Theobaldo Piers de Portebury et aliis.

Proved at Lambeth, April 3rd, 1512.

1511. WILLIAM TOUKER.

[2 Fetiplace.]

April 28th, 1511. William Touker of Wyke in the parisshe of Milborne Poort. My body to be buried in the chauncell of the parisshe churche of Milborne bifore thymage of Seynt John the evangelist. For my burying ther 6*s.* 8*d.* To the reparacions of the forsaid churche of Milborne Poort 6*s.* 8*d.* To the moder churche of Wells 12*d.* To the churche off Lymmyngton 20*s.* To the wardeyns that maynteyne Jhus masse at Shirborne a kow or elles 8*s.* in money. To the churche of Charleton Camvile 6*s.* 8*d.* To the churche of Stowell 6*s.* 8*d.* To the churche of Horsyngdon 6*s.* 8*d.* To the churche of Poynttyngton 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that 3*s.* 4*d.* be devided amonge the poore people in the almeshouse of Shirborn. To William Warman a yoting[1] wessaile of lede and I will that myn executors shall fynde an honest preest to syng for my soule in the parisshe churche of Milborn Poort by the space of 2 hole yeres. The residue of all my goods not bequethed to Julyan my wif and to John Plompton whom I make my faithfull and full executors to dispose for my soule by theire discrecions and as they seme best. And I will that Thomas Kyng shalhave 20*s.* to be an ayder to my said executors.

Thes witnessith, William Warman, Thomas Kyng, Reynold Chamerleyn and John Lacy.

Proved July 24th, 1511.

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[1] A stone cistern used in brewing, as a mashing vat. See Barnes's *Poems in Dorset Dialect* (Glossary), and *Wells Wills*, p. 176.

1511. JOHN WALBER.

[1 Fetiplace.]

John Walber merchaunt of the towne of Taunton. My body to be buried within the holy sepulture of Petir and Pawle of the Priory. To William my son 2 pipes of woode and a pake of wareclothes. To Robert my son a pipe of woode and a pak of wareclothes. To my twoo doughters every of theym a pyppe of wode and a pak of wareclothes. I will that Willm̃ my son have the house that William Colverwill dwellith yn. I will that I may have a preest, Sir Thomas Harvy, sing for me the space of 4 yeres aftir that he hath doon for my moder. To the 2 services, the sepulcre and the highe crosse, every of theym, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the new gilde of Our Lady, 10*s.* I will that every of my maydens servants have a pece of clothe. To the church of Seynt Andrew of Wellys 12*d.* To my Lord the Pryor for to make amends for suche things forgoten in tyme passed 10*s.* I will that Thomas Harvy have oon of my best gownes for to pray for me. To the mendyng of the high way callid Rede Hill 20*s.* I will that Robert Barber have a gowne-clothe. Remenant of my goods to Mawde my wife whom I make executrice to see my detts content and my will fulfilled, and to bestowe suche goodes as I have for the welth of my soule as it shall please hir. I will that Mãg William Bery vicar of Mawdelyns and Roger Hill be myn oversears and every of theym to have for their labour 10*s.* and to testifye that this ys my last will by me the said John Walber, made May 10th, 1511.

Proved May 19th, 1511.

1511. JOHN CONSTABLE.

[5 Fetiplace.]

May 24th, 1511. John Constabill of Combflorey. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul of Combflorey. The cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To Sir John Baker rector of Combflorey for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the holy water clerk there 4*d.* To the convent of the priory of Taunton to celebrate for my soul and my parents' souls and for all for whom I am bound to pray 6*s.* 8*d.* To each of my children 20*s.* if they live and come to mature age. To

each of my children one ewe. William Zeniã [or Zeviã] my servant 13*s.* 4*d.* Marion Hill my servant 13*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Sir John Baker, rector there, and Wm. Bower of Fyffett.

Witnesses: Sir John Baker, John Aysch, John Trybill, and John Hayse.

Proved November 26th, 1511.

1511. JOHN POOLE.

[20 Fetiplace.]

September 1st, 1511. John Poole of Westharptre in the countie of Somerset yẽman, beyng quyk of mynde, revoke and repell all willes made by me before this day etc. My body to be buried in the parisshe churche of Westharptre in the ile of Saint Thomas of Cauntorbury ther. I will that every persone their heyres and assignes beyng seased of my lands and tenements in Frome, Palton, Mydsomers Norton, Shepton Malet, Chilcompton, Beneger, Laverton, Tymysberowe and Kynmarston in the said countie of Somerset shall stand and bee seased therof to the use of me the said John duryng my life and after my decease to the performance of this my last will and very intent hereafter folowing that is to say that immediately after my decesse myne executor hereafter named shall take the hole issues and profites of all the saide landes and tenements and therewith to fynde an honest prest to sing in the said isle and to pray for my soule and the soules of myne auncesters, kinnesmen and children and for all christeyne soules, yeving to the saide prest for his salary £6 13*s.* 4*d.* at 4 termes in the yere usuell, and with the said salary the saide prest to fynde hym syngyng brede, wex and wyne. Also I will that with the parcell of the residue of the saide issues and profites my executor shall kepe yerely 4 solempne obites in the saide churche and isle, that is to say, the Monday after the feast of the Conception of Our Lady, the Monday after the Purification of Our Lady, the Monday after the Annunciation and the Nativitie of Our Blessed Lady and the next day upon every of the saide 4 dayes solempne masses as belongith for an obit, and at every of the saide obites

my executor shall distribute to 5 poore men and women of Westharptre aforesaide beyng at the saide massis and dirige 20*d.* in maner and forme folowing, that is, 5*d.* at the first obite in the honor of the Blissid Trinitie and the second obite 5*d.* in honor of the 5 wounds of Jhu Crist, at the third obite 5*d.* in the honor of the 5 joyes of Our Blessed Lady and at the fourth and last obite 5*d.* in the honor of Saint Savior. Also I will that my executor with parcell of my goods let byld at Westharptre aforesaide an honest house with a gardeyn grownde lying to the same for the said prest to dwelle in, wher my said executor shall think best and most convenient. Also I will with the residue of the issues of my saide landes my executor shall sufficiently repayre the saide house and to fynde almaner of ornaments necessary for the preest to syng in the saide isle. And I will all these premisses to bee doon in the saide isle in maner and forme as ys afore rehersid to tyme my saide executor with my goodes have purchased a licence of the Kynges grace his heires or successors to founde a chauntry at Westharptre, and with a licence to mortayse the saide landes and tenements in to the saide chauntrye preest and his successours, the saide ordinances suretie and other the circumstances of the same to be made and doon as shall be advysed by John Fitzjames, Robert Bowryng and Gregory Morgane or by suche others as the saide Gregory Morgane shall call to the same, if the saide John Fitzjames, Robert Bowryng bee not then overlyve, whiche licence and amortisement I will my executor doo performe as moche as in hym ys in as goodly haste and convenient tyme as resonably it may bee doone, as he will aunswer afore God at the dredefull day of Jugement. Also I will that all persones and their heyres whiche bee seased of the maner of Randelstone and of all my lands and tenements in Randelston within the countie of Dorset stond and bee seased therof to thuse of me John Pole for terme of my life, and after my decesse to thuse of Gregory Morgane and Isabell his wife doughter of me the said John Poole for terme of their lives, and after their decesse to the use of the heires of the saide Gregory and Isabell, and for defawte of suche issue to thuse of the right heires of me the said John Poole, and state therof to be made according if the said Gregory will thereunto agree. To the mother

churche of Seynt Andrewes in Welles 20*s.* To the gray freyrs, blak freris, Austeyn freres and white freres of Bristowe to everiche of their houses 10*s.* to pray for my soule and to the gray freres of Brigwater of my rentes there 40*s.* To six prestes, that is, the persone of Obley, Sir John Compton, maister vicar of Westharptre, the vicar of Estharptre, the persone of Lytton and to Sir Henry, to every of theym 6*s.* 8*d.* to kepe myne obite by the hole monethe. To the prior of Charterhouse Henton £20 that he oweth me. To maister John Fitz-james a cuppe of sylver gylte beyng in the custody of Richard Roynon of Chapton. To the vicar of Westharptre c wethers of the Est flok. To thuse of the churche of Westharptre c wethers of the same flok to be sette and lette to certayne persones as canne be thought best by the said John Fitz-james Gregory and Robert for the advantage of the saide churche. To William Stabyn in catalles and money the value of £5. To Thomas Arnoll's wife of Chuton 40*s.* To every of my godchildren 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Smyth 5 marcs, a bed complete and 40 ewes. To William Tyler my servant 40*s.* To Agnes Brother 10 marcs. To John Myrkhill 5 marcs. To John Poole of London my fox furred gowne and a cote, a dublet and 6*s.* 8*d.* in money. To John Clerk a gowne, a cuppe of sylver. I wil that myne executor cause 400 of masses to be songen and sayde for the wele of my soule. The residue to Gregory Morgane whom I make my sole executor to dispose as hym shall think best and I make supervisors my very good Lord Richard Abbot of Glastenbury and maister John Heron the king's receyvor; and to take that labor to assiste my saide executor I geve to the saide Abbot £10 and a gold ryng and to the said John Heron £10.

Witnesses: Sir John Jeffreyes persone of Ubley, Sir John Sterrygge vicar of Westharptre my curate and goostly father, Thomas Webbe, Robert Whyting, John Batell and William Tyler.

Proved at Lambeth, October 16th, 1512.

1511. WILLIAM ROYNYON, ESQ.

[8 Fetiplace.]

October 8th, 1511. William Roynyon esquyer. My body to be buried in the parrishe churche of Seynt Mighell of Compton

Martyn. To the moder church of S. Andrew of Welles 3*s.* 4*d.* To my parisshe churche of Compton 20*s.* To the parisshe church of Axebrigge 6*s.* 8*d.* To the churche of Westharpetre 12*d.* To the churche of Uble 12*d.* To the church of Chewstoke 12*d.* To the church of Nempnet 12*d.* To Sir John my curat 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Roynyon son of Nicholas Roynyon now beyng myn heyre my great counterborde of spruce, my great brasse potte, my great furneysse of brasse. To Edmond Roynyon my son a fetherbed whiche lyeth under the yate. To Thomas Roynyon my son 2 kyne. To Agnes my doughter 2 heyffers. To Margaret my wif 3 salts of silver whereof the oon of theym is gilte and the other 2 parcell gilte with oon cover, 2 standing cuppes of silver with a couercle parcell gilte, a standing nutte of silver and gilt with a coveryng, a flat pece of silver, 10 sponys of silver, 3 of the best fetherbedes with their appurtenances as, coverleddes, testors, hangyngs and curteyns complete, 2 of my best furred gownes, 9 quysshons whereof 3 of theym bēn carpetts quysshons a carpett and 2 bankers, 6 pillowes, 6 peyre of shetes, 3 table-cloths wherof oon is of diaper, 4 towells wherof 2 ben of diaper, a doseyn of napkyns wherof 6 be of diaper, 4 of my gretyste coffers, 2 other coffers, 2 basyns, 2 ewers of laten, a chafing-disshe, 6 of the best candil-stickes, a hole garnysshe of pewter vessell of the best, 6 eryd disshes of pewter, 5 of my best brasse pottes, 2 chaffers of brasse, 4 pannes of brasse, a cawdron, 2 ketylls to brewe yn of brasse, a possenett, a skelet, 2 peyre of the best aundyrens, 2 trevetts, 4 brewyng vatts with 6 tendryłłs, 2 payles, 6 standards, a spruce table in the halle, a cupbord in the parlor, 2 cheyers, 3 joyned formes, 3 other formes of the best, 3 broches, a peyre of rakks of yron, 2 peyre of coterells, 4 pewter potts of the best, my beste weyne with all thappurtenances, 4 of the best oxen, 6 of the best kyne, half hundreth of my best new shepe, a white gylding, a bore, a sowe with 2 hoggesters, a quarter of whete, 2 quarters of malte, a peyre of brigandyers with salett, splynts, mayles, bowe and arrowes, etc. To John Roynyon son of Edmond Roynyon a heyffer. To Briget doughter of the said Edmond an heyffer. To John Wyse thelder a stere. To John Wyse the yonger a stere. To Elizabeth Wyse a heyffer. The residue to Thomas Roynyon myn heyre abovenamed whom I make my executor soo that he

doo sell all the said goodes and catalls and to dispose the money therof for the well of my soule and for my burying and moneths mynde by the oversight of Humfray Hervy and William Strowde gents whom I make myn oversears and I will that everyche of my overseers shall have 20*s.*

Witnesses: Sir John Maryner parisshe preest, William Strowde and John Aysshe gentes, Richard Saunder. John Panes, John Mylleward thelder, Robert Radford, John Plommer bailly of Compton and John Wylles with other diverse.

Proved at Lambeth, May 8th, 1512.

1511. HENRY BOWYER *ALS.* LAWRENCE.

[25 Fetiplace.]

December 20th, 1511. Harry Lawrens of Taunton otherwyse named Bowiar my bodye to be buryede in the Pryory churche or churcheyarde of Taunton. To my Lorde Pryor for my tithes forgotyn 6*s.* 8*d.* To the cathedrall churche of Wellis 12*d.* To Master William Bury vicar to pray for me and myn 3*s.* 4*d.* To Thomas Clerke 20*d.* To the makyng of the churche of Mary Mawdelyn 6*s.* 8*d.* To the sepulcre service and the high crosse there 6*s.* 8*d.* To Nicholas my son 20 marks. To Robert my sonne all my londis after the descease of his moder. To Agnes my doughter £10. Moreover I will that the sepulcre service have my medowe of Fre holde lying in Blakemore for evermore after the discease of Agnes my wyf, holding my obite yerely therefor for me, my wyf, our father's and moder's, our childerne and all cristen soules, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the churche of Wilton my money and debtt that Robert Roper oweith me for a coop to be made of there by the discrecion of the substaunce of the parisshe. The residue to Agnes my wife, whom I make my executrix, to doo for me at her will and mynde, and oversear William Baly. Wytnes, Master William Bury vicar of Mawdelyn and Thomas Clerke.

Proved at Lambeth, July 12th, 1512.

1511. JOHN MEDYLL.

[3 Fetiplace.]

June 2nd, 1511. John Medyll, my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul of

Schepton Malett. To the four principal lights of the said church 8*d.* To the bells of the said church 8*d.* To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* Master Reginald West, rector of the church of Schepton, for tithes forgotten 12*d.* To Agnes my daughter one heifer and 40 sheep. To John my son 2 oxen, 30 sheep, and one piece of woollen cloth price 53*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Isabel my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Nicholas Loxton, to whom 20*d.*

Witnesses: Thomas Davy, John Clippwill, John Hardwyk, and others.

Proved September 4th, 1511.

1511. THOMAS CODOGAN.

[18 Fetiplace.]

June 12th, 1511. Thomas Codogan, "*valectus corone.*" My body to holy grave in the church of St. George of Dunster. To St. Saviour (*Salvator*) and B.M. of Penrise my best tunic. To the light of the high cross 20*d.* To the light of the dead 20*d.* To the light of B.M. 20*d.* To the light of St. George 20*d.* To the Prior of Dunster for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* Sir John Hulcomb 3*s.* 4*d.* William my son 10 marks. John my son 10 marks. John my younger son £5 and one gown. Joan my elder daughter 10 marks. Sir George Elisworthy 10*s.* and my best gown "igreyned." John Elisworthy one gown. Lewis Codogan one gown. Agnes of Brodwod 10*s.* Thomas Juner one gown.

Residue: Cristina my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir John Holcomb, Thomas Juner, and many others.

Proved July 22nd, 1511.

1511. NICHOLAS MERYFELD.

[8 Fetiplace.]

February 15th, 1511. Nicholas Meryfeld of Lii [Leigh on Mendip]. My body to be buried within the church of St. Giles of Lii. To the high altar of the same church for my tithes forgotten 12*d.* Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Church of St. Giles of Lii 40*s.* Church of Donet 20*d.* Church of

Stoke 20*d.* Church of Mells 40*d.* Church of Kilmersdon 20*d.* Church of Cowñte 20*d.*

Residue: Margery my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir James Bedfurth, Thomas Alfurd, Robert Meryfeld, John Neytt, and others.

Proved May 7th, 1512.

1512. JOHN TYLER.

[15 Fetiplace.]

May 20th, 1512. John Tyler of Welles, clothemaker. My body to be buried in the churche of Saynt Cuthberts in Welles at the doore by Saincte Erasmus aulter entryng into the Trinitie yelde. To the churche of Sanct Andrewe in Welles 12*d.* To my curate, the vicar of Sainct Cuthberts churche, for the amends of my tything due to hym 20*s.* To a prest to syng a trentall 2*s.* 6*d.* To have C masses for my soule the day of my departyng, or els assone as it may be doone conveniently, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the monastery of Glastonburye 23*s.* 4*d.* to be distributed among the brothers there, so that every preest have at the leste 4*d.* To the four ordres of freres in Bristowe £4, to every of theym 20*s.*, to kepe a dirige and a masse for my soule sone after my departyng oute of this worlde and to comend my soule to their prayers. To my wifes sonne Sir Richard Bogy, chanon of Brewton, 20*s.*, a flatte pece of silver poñd 8 uncs, and 6 silver spones. To Sir Richard Meryfelde a gowne. To John Godde of the Almeshouse a blew gowne furred. To Thomas Bowchar of the same house my litill blewe gowne furred. To my wevers and towkers to every man of theym 4*d.* To everiche of my god children 4*d.* To every poor man woman and childe at my burying a penny, and to all theym that cometh to my monethes mynde as moche to pray for my soule and all christeyne soules, amen. To every aulter in the churche of Sainct Cuthberts 8*d.*, and to every aulter in the churche of Sainct Johnes, 4*d.* To the mayntenance of the aulters in the chapell of Sanct Etheldred in Welles forsaid 12*d.* The residue to the reverend father in God Thomas Tynencis, chaunter of Welles forsaide, to maister John Welshot, mercer and burgeis of the same, to John Dodyng and to William Frampton burgeis ther, also to mynistre and dispose the saide goodes for the welthe of my soule, and

specially to the performyng of a perpetuall preest to syng at the aulter of Sainct Kateryne within the churche of Saint Cuthbert for my soule and suche other that beethe contributory to the same bothe in lyvelod and ther goods and so to opteyne mor lyvelode for the contentacion of the same and by the Kinges licence to mortes it for ever if it may bee, as I faithefully trust in theym that it bee performed, or els to putte it to the contynuaunce of a preest at St. Erasmus aulter for certeyne yeres according to my will that I have with myn executors, that is to wite, My Lord Tynencis John Welshotte, John Dodyng, and William Frampton, whom I ordeyne my executours as my truste is in them. And every of theym to have for their labour £3 6*s.* 8*d.* Witnesses: Sir Thomas Stroude, my gostely father, Sir John Riß, Sir William Mylner, William Brigger, and John Bonar.

Proved at Lambeth, May 31st, 1513.

1512. WILLIAM TAVERNER.

[16 & 25 Fetiplace.]

June 5th, 1512. William Taverner, my body to be buried in the church of St. [ ] of Buryngton, before the altar of B.M. Cathedral church of Wells 40*d.* Church of Buryngton 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Blakdowne, to make a new bell, 6*s.* 8*d.* On the day of my burial 20 nobles to be distributed in penny dole and other necessaries. For two trentals 20*s.*

Residue: Henry Cavell to pray for me (executor).

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Pykstoke, curate, John Lovell, curate, John Shepard and William Taverner.

Proved June 23rd, 1523.

[This will is given twice, with no difference except that in the list of witnesses *Tanner* is given instead of *Taverner*.]

1512. SIR RICHARD ESTYNTON.

[9 Fetiplace.]

June 22nd, 1512. Sir Richard Estynton. My body to be buryed in Saint Katheryn chappell before Mary Magdalene. To the moder church of Wellis 3*s.* 4*d.* To the moder church of Worsetor 3*s.* 4*d.* To every parisshe church in Bathe a torch of thoo that be left at the twelmonyth mynde. To the chappell

of Saint Katheryn in Bathe aforesaid 20*s.* To the charterhouse of Henton 13*s.* 4*d.* To all curates and priestis of Bathe that wil be at my dirige and masse apone the morow 8*d.* a man. And to all other 6*d.* a manne, and to every clerke of Bathe 4*d.* and to all other clerkes 2*d.* And to every chylde that rede or sing in the quere at the tyme of the saide dirige 1*d.* For my burying to be distributed as above and in other charitatyf werks moste meritorious for my sowlle 10 mrks. For my monyth mynde 10 mrke, and also at my twelmonyth mynde 10 mrke. To Alice Sydnam my goddaughter a grene girdill harnest with silver and a grete panne, the which the said John and Jone hath in keping and a brasse pott to the valor of 3*s.* 4*d.* To the saide Alice 13*s.* 4*d.* in money. To Margery Sidnam doughter to the saide John and Jone, my new brasyn pott and a panne which is [in] my kechyn and in money 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Long the yonger a cast gowne. To Robert Ball of Bathe one of my shorte medley gownys, a laten basyn, and a grete candilstick. To Gilis, Monke of the monastery of Bathe 6*s.* 8*d.* and a gowne to make hym a kirtill. To John Snede my cosyn 40*s.* and a brasyn pot of 3 galons, a basyn of latten and 2 candilstickes of the middil sorte. To Sir Richard Jamys my preste a long medley gowne and 20*s.* in money. To my sister Alice my best salt of silver with the kever. To my sister Agnes my secund salt of silver with the cover. To Sir Robert Olyvere parsone of Pristone 20*s.* To 4 ordres of fryers of Bristow every howsse to have 2*s.* 6*d.* To the Ancresse of the blake fryers of Bristow 3*s.* 4*d.* To John Talbot in money 6*s.* 8*d.* and a motley cote. To Johan Harpar 3*s.* 4*d.* To William Cornysh 3*s.* 4*d.* and a shorte gowne. To Roger, Clerke of the parissh church of Stall 3*s.* 4*d.* To Marget Clerke, otherwyse called Margett Goldsmyth, dwelling in Breknoke in Wales 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Chepman my godson 3*s.* 4*d.* To Richard Chepman my goddison 3*s.* 4*d.* To Isabell Chepman 3*s.* 4*d.* To Johan servant to Master Chepman 20*d.* To all other my godchildren owte of Mr. Chapsman howsse 12*d.* a pece. To Thomas Baten servant to Mag. Wykes 3*s.* 4*d.* To the vicary of Langdon 3*s.* 4*d.* Edith Chapman a girdill of murrey with gilte studdis. Another girdill that is fellow to my sister Agnes. To Mastres Tyler a litill gold ring. To Margery Leche, Katheryn Johane, Sibill Lye, Edith

Perman, Agnes Tedbery and to Sir William Bradewey of Stalls to every of these 6 persones a spone of silver. For a prest to sing for me the space of thre yeres in the church of Langdon £16. To Dyrnike, monke of Bathe 3*s.* 4*d.* To Dan Ryall monke of Bathe 3*s.* 4*d.* To Dan Yourke monke of Bathe 3*s.* 4*d.* To William Pytt of Bathe 3*s.* 4*d.* To Margett Nye 3*s.* 4*d.* Residewe to my executors Sir John Chaunceler vicar of Sowthstoke and William Brigges, my brother-lawe to dispose it to the pleasure of God for the welth of my soule as they shall aunswer afor God. And to the said executors to every of them for their labor 10 marke. I make supervisours, John Godrige my cosyn and Thomas Chepman alderman of the cite of Bathe, to the whiche, John Goodrige 10 marke and to Thomas Chepman 40*s.*

Proved at Lambeth, October 15th, 1512.

1512. JOHN YNG.

[9 Fetiplace.]

June 29th, 1512. John Yng of Coscombe [Croscombe] my body to be buried in the church of B.M. of Coscombe. The cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* The high altar of the parish church of Coscombe 3*s.* 4*d.* The fabric of the same church one pype "de le Ode" [woad], Sir Thomas Clerke 3*s.* 4*d.*, each of my godchildren [blank].

Residue: Agnes my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Rev. Father in Christ Hugh bishop of Meath (*Midensis*) to whom I bequeath a cup called "a nut" with a silver cover.

Witnesses: John Dumpayn and John Halse.

Proved October 16th, 1512.

1512. JOHN DEVERILL.

[9 Fetiplace.]

August 11th, 1512. John Deverell, my body to be buried in the churchyard of SS. Peter and Paul of Shepton Malett. To the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the four lights of the church of Shepton Malett 8*d.* To the bells of the same church 12*d.* Isabel Glover my daughter one piece of

cloth called "a London clothe." Thomas Strode cloth merchant 6*s.* 8*d.* whom I make overseer.

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: John Catcott, senior, John Glover and John Taylor.

Proved October 16th, 1512.

1512. THOMAS WEBB.

[9 Fetiplace.]

August 25th, 1512. Thomas Webb of Wynford, clothyer, my body to be buried in the chapel of St. Mary the Virgin within the churchyard of the parish church of Wynforde. Cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* Parish church of Wynford 3*s.* 4*d.* Chapel of St. Mary there where my body rests 10*s.* To three other churches viz., Stoke, Webley and Memley to each of them 20*d.* I will that my exors. find a suitable priest to celebrate in the chapel of St. Mary the Virgin aforesaid, where my body rests, for my soul, my wife's soule, and the souls of my benefactors and friends for the space of two years, said priest to receive for his salary (each year) £5 13*s.* 4*d.* To Margaret Saunders my sister the best gown of my lately deceased wife. To Agnes Roke my wife's best kirtill with 10*s.* Elisabeth Clerke two pair of sheets not the best nor the worst but "*mediocra.*" To John Elis my best gown and 10*s.* To John Vowlis another gown, a russet one. Elisabeth Vowlis one sheet. I will that my executors buy all necessary ornaments for a priest celebrating, viz., a chalice of the value and capacity of the new chalice of the fraternity of St. Mary aforesaid, and also one pair of vestments of the value of 20*s.* with a missal and other ornaments, so that all the said ornaments remain to the parish church of Wynford when the time shall come when my executors shall not find a priest to celebrate for my soul, the soul of my wife and the souls of my benefactors. I will that after my funeral expenses are paid all my goods shall be divided between my three sons equally, except those which I have specially assigned, which my executors have to deliver to my younger son Simon.

I will that William Saunders, Richard Yorke, John Clerke and John Elys have all my goods and debts owed to me to

dispose for the health of my soul as recited above, and I make them my executors (to each of them 13*s.* 4*d.*).

Overseer: Sir Robert Garlond, rector of Wynforde (to him 6*s.* 8*d.*).

Witnesses: John Vowlis and William Swayn.

Memorandum, that I the forsaid Thomas Webb will and graunt that my executours devyde amongst pore people a whyte remenant of blanket-clothe, also all other olde blanketts with all other of his wering gere. Also I will that myn executors geve to the parisshe churche of Berington 12*d.* Also I give to two children of John Elys a paire of shetes, and to the forsaid John Elys wyf my wyfe's best hoode, and to Alis Bayly her other hoode with a mantel. Also I forgeve to William Mononx £10. Also I bequeth to every of my godchildren 8*d.* and to every of my wyff's 4*d.*

Proved October 12th, 1512.

1512. JOHN BARBAR.

[9 Fetiplace.]

September 20th, 1512. John Barbar. My body to be buryed in the chappell of Merston [Magna]. To the cathedrall church of Wellis 12*d.* To Oure Lady chappell of Merston 20*s.* To Water Jonys all maner of rayment. To John Dagill all maner of rayment. To the church as moche as the church owith to me. To John my eldist sonne 20*li.* To my yongist sonne my shepe of Corscombe. To William my sonne 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to fynde hym to scole. To Alice my doughter 20 marke. To Johan my doughter 20 marke. To Richarde my sonne all one yeres corne, 6 oxen with a wayne, and all maner of parell therto, 4 kyne and a mare. To Master Vicary 6*s.* 8*d.* Yf eney of my childern dye half theyr parte to the secunde of age upward and downewarde. The residewe of all my goodis not bequethed to Edith my wyff whom I ordeyne to be myne executrice. To this berith witness Richard Dyer, Alisaunder Dyer and John Fitz-james whom I ordeyne to be supervisours, Sir Richard Haker my goostly father, Richard Barber and other. Also I will that all suych bargeynes as John Barbar hath bought to his wyf, yf she mary to have none of theme but to the childern that

be rehersid in the dede, and to deliver all the goodis that is gevyn to the childern yf she mary, to John Fitz-james, Richard Dyer or Alisaunder Dyer.

Proved at Lambeth, October 16th, 1512.

1512. JOHN BUSSHE.

[10 Fetiplace.]

November 12th, 1512. John Busshe. My body to be buried in the church of St. Michael the Archangel, of Budcom [Butcombe]. Mother church of Wells 12*d.* To the church of Budcom 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Ynggescom̃ [Englishcombe] 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Wryngton 3*s.* 4*d.* Chapel of Nempnete 20*d.* Chapel of Wynforde 20*d.* Chapel of Chewe 20*d.* To the new bell of Blakdowne 6*s.* 8*d.* Henry, my son, £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: At the will of Richard, my son, to dispose for the welfare of my soul: said Henry and Richard my executors.

Witnesses: Sir Nicholas Mille, curate, Sir Thomas Pycstok, John Popyn, William Lantre, William Lemman.

Proved January 27th, 1512.

1512. JOHN BEVYN.

[24 Fetiplace.]

January 18th, 1512. John Bevyn my body to be buried in the church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, within the monastery of Montacute. Fabric of cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Parish church of Lutton 6*s.* 8*d.* Fabric of the church of SS. Peter and Paul of the said monastery 40*s.* To the monks who are in priests' orders (each) 2*s.*, and all other monks (each) 16*d.* To one secular chaplain to celebrate for my soul in the chapel of the name of Jhesu in the said monastery and thrice in every week to say placebo and dirige with nine lections and commendation of souls, and especially at the time of Easter to say the same with three psalms and three lections with commendation of souls as above £6, and 6*s.* 8*d.* for bread, wine, and wax. To John Bevyn, son of Amisius Bevyn, all lands, tenements, reversions, rents, and services, which are in my possession at the time of this my will, as appears in a written feoffment made to Amisius Powlet, knight, and others, provided

that the same John Bevyn shall give to William Bevyn, his brother, annually, for the space of six years from now, £4 a year for the keeping of the said William at school until he shall have attained the age of twenty-four years. To Joan Bevyn, daughter of the said Amisius, 4 oxen, 4 cows, and 50 sheep. To Catherine, wife of John Cheyny, the same. To Cristina, my servant, 20*s.* Margaret, my servant, 13*s.* 4*d.* Bernard, son of Amisius Bevyn, 100*s.* I will that Thomas Bevyn, my brother, receive annually for the term of his life 26*s.* 8*d.* of my lands at Werth and 13*s.* 4*d.* of my lands in Bokeland. To Agnes Pylton the house in which she now dwells, for the term of her life. Matilda Pylton 3 cows. Agnes Pylton, junior, 3 cows. Isabel Pylton 1 cow. Emma, wife of James of H'porte, 2 cows. Church of Crookherne 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Sutton Mountague 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Gregorystoke 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Mountague 6*s.* 8*d.* Master John Calveley 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: John Bevyn, junior, executor.

Overseers: Amisius Powlet, knight, John Ford and Edward Parken.

Witnesses: Sir John Water, Prior of Montacute, Master John Calveley, Sir William Cheswey, clerk, Walter Lacye, William Browne, Richard Brytell.

Proved November 24th, 1513.

1513. MARGERY MERIFILD.

[17 Fetiplace.]

March 26th, 1513. Margery Merifild. My body to be buried in the church of St. Giles the Abbot of Ligh [Leigh on Mendip]. Cathedral church of Wells 2*s.* Parish church of Lygh 40*s.*, or one pair of vestments price 40*s.* Chapel of B.M.V. of Collford 3*s.* 4*d.* I bequeath 9 marks that my executors shall find an honest priest to celebrate for the soul of my husband and for my soul for one year in the church of Lygh. To the Reverend Father, Lord Hugh, Bishop of Meath, to advise my executors, 40*s.*

Residue: Robert Merifild, John Merifild, and John Bysse, junior (executors).

Witnesses: Richard Trappe, John Totehill, and many others.

Proved April 21st, 1513.

1513. THOMAS CORNISH, BISHOP.

[18 Fetiplace.]

March 31st, 1513. I, Thomas Cornysshe, by the grace of God "Tinensis Episcopus" precentor of the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, leave my soul to Almighty God, Mary the most Blessed Mother of God, St. Andrew, and all the saints, and my body to be buried in the said cathedral church near the entrance door into the chapter-house near the wall, where I will, if it can be done, that my executors shall make my sepulchre with an arch of free stone, with a representation of the Resurrection "in urna" on the north side, or between the altars of the Holy Cross and St. David as may seem best to my friends.

I bequeath to the common chest of the said cathedral church for necessaries concerning the same church (as suppose) in paying tithes, subsidies, and other payments, to wit, of the vicars, as need arises vj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, so that the said money so taken out in time of necessity, and again coming by interest, good fortune, and profit, may be replaced in the said chest to be used for a like purpose.

I bequeath to the "edification" of the high altar in the church of St. Cuthbert of Wells, if a new work be made there of images of free stone or of oak, xx*s.*, to the hospital of St. John-the-Baptist in Wells xx*s.*, to be distributed between the prior and convent on the day of my death and on the 30th day after my death so that the prior may have iij*s.* iiij*d.* on each of those days and the rest, the convent shall have for my exequies and for wax.

I bequeath to the *Capellani* of St. Cuthbert for the same days one mark, and vj*s.* viij*d.* between the poor people of the alms-house there; to the *Annuellarii* [of the cathedral] for the same days for exequies and masses xx*s.*; to the vicars choral of the said church for exequies and masses to be said within their close xx*s.*; to the canons residentiary, vicars choral, choristers, and other ministers of the said church, being present (*interessentibus*) at the exequies, masses, sepulture, and on the 30th day, that portion of money which under the laudable custom of the said church is wont to be distributed to them,

I will that each one of my servants shall have his wages for the term in which I shall die with board for a month. I will that my executors shall distribute on the day of my death in bread or money as it shall seem good to them and shall satisfy the wants of the poor people who shall then assemble. I bequeath my house which I acquired from the Dean and Chapter for a term of years and also the house which I built at my own expense to Walter Stryde, Alice, his wife, Edmund Tynte and Joan, his wife, for the term granted to me by the said Dean and Chapter by a charter signed with the capitular seal, at a chief yearly rent of iiij*s.* payable to the said Dean and Chapter; and for my anniversary to be kept in the said cathedral church yearly during the aforesaid term xx*s.*, and to the sacrist for ringing the bell and for wax to be had of the treasurer ij*s.* annually.

I give to the same Walter, Alice, Edmund, and Joan for the continuation of my anniversary and the other said burdens one close of pasture in Longestrenge for a rent of iiij*s.*, with a piece of vacant ground in Mowntrelane, which I hold of the Prior of St. John at a yearly rent of ij*s.* to the Dean and Chapter, besides iiij*d.* payable to the said Prior, and if they shall be negligent in paying the said chief rent, then I will that the vicars choral shall have all the said property granted for the observing of my anniversary.

I bequeath to each of my underwritten executors one goblet of silver and gilt with the cover and xx*s.* I bequeath to John Welshote, son of John Welshote, one bed performed (*completum*) and six or eight of my best books; to Juliana Draper one whole bed and xl*s.*; to Agnes Clode one maser (*murra*); to John Hayne one maser; to Elen, my niece, dwelling at Bristol, one maser; to Margaret, my niece, dwelling at Taunton, one maser; to John Welshote, son of Thomas Welshote, one bed, performed, and xx*s.*; to Magister John Tylar and John Welshote, my two tenements in Chamberleyn Street, which I bought of William Draper with the close at the Whitecross to be disposed for the welfare of my soul according to my last will, and to found a chantry at the altar of St. Katherine in the said church of St. Cuthbert. I bequeath to Sir John David and Sir John Morys (each) *unum habitum* and to Sir William God *unam togam.*

I bequeath to the church of St. Andrew of Chiew, for a new ambo in the choir there xx*s.*; to the church of St. Andrew of Ipilpen xx*s.*; to the church of St. Andrew of Halberton xx*s.*; to the church of the B.M. of Wedmore xx*s.*; to the Prioress and Sisters of Mynchynbarowe xx*s.*; to my niece Amye, a bed and a "habit."

I will that my executors receive the rent of The Sterre as long as it is paid to them, so that John Welshote shall have yearly xx*s.*

I bequeath to Master William Canynges Fellow of Oriel College in Oxford (*scolastico collegii regalis in Oxonia*) xxvj*s.* viij*d.*, to the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells iij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*

I will that out of my goods my executors shall make full restitution and recompence to all who have been notoriously burdened and injured by me, if there are any such, which God forbid (*quod absit*), the residue of all my goods I bequeath wholly to my nephew, John Welshote, Sir John Orcharde chaplain, and Walter Stryde, whom I make my true executors; and I wish Doctor Yng by the Grace of God, Bishop of Meath, and Doctor Peter Caslegh to be the supervisors of this will, and I give to each of them xx*s.* for their labour, and to each one lending a helping hand (*et cuilibet manus adiutrices apponenti*) I grant, by the authority conferred upon me by God and the Church, forty days Indulgence.

Dated ultimo die Mensis Marcii 1513.

These being witnesses: Sir Richard Carter, and John Mory[s], chaplain, and others.

Proved at Lamhith (Lambeth), July 20th, 1513.

We give a list of interesting dates in the life of Bishop Cornish:—

1455. Admitted B.A. Oxon.
1457—May 9th. Incepted M.A.
1459. Principal of St. Edmund's Hall.
1459. Principal of Haberdasche Hall (and in 1461).
1478. Junior Treasurer of Oriel College.
1480. Senior Treasurer of Oriel College.
1483—August 5th. Master, or Prior, of St. John Baptist's Hospital, Wells (resigned in 1497).
1484—June 19th. Rector of Backwell (resigned in 1485).
1486. Probable year of his consecration.
1486–1513. Suffragan of Wells.

1487–1505. Suffragan of Exeter.
1489—April 13th. Rector of Axbridge.
1489—December 1st. Warden of the College of Ottery St. Mary (resigned June, 1511).
1492–3—February 5th. Provost of Oriel (resigned October 26th, 1507).
1494—October 18th. Exchanged rectory of Axbridge for prebend of Cudworth.
1494–5—February 28th. First mentioned as *Canon-Residentiary* of Wells.
1495. One of the four "Auditores" of Wells Cathedral.
1497—July 28th. Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Wells (till his death).
1498—December 31st. Seneschal of Wells Cathedral.
1499—April 21st. Chancellor of Wells Cathedral.
1500—May 26th. Granted leave to build his tomb.
1501—May 24th. Prebendary of Compton Dunden.
1502—September 4th. Precentor of Wells (till his death).
1502–3—March 15th. Rector of Claverham.
1503–4—February 24th. Vicar of Wedmore (till his death).
1505—October 8th. Vicar of Chew-Magna (he had held this benefice before)
1513—March 31st. Made his will.
1513—July 3rd. Obiit.
1513—July 20th. Will proved at Lambeth.

1513. WILLIAM CARTER.

[19 Fetiplace.]

April 15th, 1513. William Carter, of the parish of B.M.V. of Corescome [Croscombe]. My body to be buried in the parish church of B.M.V. of Corescombe. Fabric of cathedral church of Wells to pray for my soul 4*d.* To the works of the church of Coriscombe to pray for my soul 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high altar of the same church 12*d.*

Residue: Agnes Carter, my daughter.

Overseers: Roger Mors and John Carter, senior, of the parish of Corescombe.

Proved November 3rd, 1513.

1513. WILLIAM HORTE.

[14 Fetiplace.]

April 21st, 1513. William Horte, in the presence of Sir Walter Stone. My body to be buried in the parish church of B.M. of Yatton. The cathedral church of blessed Andrew of Wells a bushel of corn. High altar of the parish church of

B.M. of Yatton a bushel of corn. To the sustentation of the light before the cross of the church of Yatton a bushel of corn. The chapel of St. James a bushel of corn. To each of the churches of Congarisbury, Kyngeston, Wrington, Clevedon, and Brokley 3*s.* 4*d.* to pray for my soul "*in pulpito.*" I will that Isabel my wife and executrix shall give to a priest 10 marcs to celebrate for my soul for one year. Walter Williams 20*d.* Richard my son £10. William Horte my son £5. John my son £5. Joan my daughter £5. Isabel my daughter £5. Florence my daughter £5. For the repair of places where most need is 3*s.* 4*d.* To each of my godchildren now living 1*s.*

Residue: Isabel my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Horte and John Aleyne.

Witnesses: Sir Walter Stone, John Horte, John Aleyn, and Thomas Knight.

Proved May 6th, 1513.

1513. WILLIAM WOODWARD.

[33 Fetiplace.]

July 31st, 1513. William Woodward. My body to be buried in the chapel of St. Katerine in the church of Stallis [Bath]. Mother church of Wells 20*d.* Fabric of the church of Stallis 20*d.* To the same church at the disposal of the wardens for the benefactors of the said church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicar my curate for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* Joan my daughter one maser gilt and one silver goblet partly gilt. To the lord prior of the monastery of Bathe 6*s.* 8*d.* Robert sub prior of the same 3*s.* 4*d.* To each monk of the same 12*d.* to say placebo and dirige with mass for my soul. To the prior of the house of Henton and the convent 13*s.* 4*d.* to pray for my soul. John Leisy one gown of violet grayned.

Residue: Agnes my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir William Rogers, curate, Sir William Riglyn, priest, and John Gibbons.

Proved June 1st, 1515.

1513. THOMAS BRAYE.

[27 Fetiplace.]

September 11th, 1513. Thomas Braye, of Mynhed of the diocese of Bathe and Welles, bequeth my soull unto my Maker, Jhu Crist my Redemer, to oure Blessed Lady His holy mother and to all His holy seynts that be in hevyn my synguler helpers and socourers in this my greate nede, and my body to be buried within the churche of Mynhede. To the churche of Seynt Michell of Mynhed a quarter of my vessell called the "Patrik." To every light within the saide churche 4*d.* To the weie[1] of Mynhed 10*s.* To the church of Welles 12*d.* To some honest preest to syng and rede and to serve God for me and my father and mother and all my frendes soules for the space of four yeris, £6 every yere. And the said preest to be bounde to sey placebo and dirige every Wednesdaye and Friday with comendacions specially for me and my frendes. To my brother John Braye in money and gold £6 13*s.* 8*d.* To my brother my secunde best pece of sylver. To my brother John all my ffyshe that cometh to my parte in the "Mary Penrice," and he to paye for custome, meanes wages and meate and drinke and all other charges. And also my whole parte of the "Mary Penrice." To John Braye son of the said John Braye 40*s.* To Elisabeth doughter of the said John 40*s.* To Joane doughter of the said John 40*s.* I bynd Joane my wyff duryng her lyff to kepe and hold yerely my myndaye solemply. To every godchild that I have 4*d.* To Sir Petyr Trott my curate to praye specially for me 20*s.* To Sir John Richardes to pray for me 3*s.* 4*d.* The residue to Johane my wiff, whom I make my executrix to dispose for my soule and hers. And I charge Sir Petyr my curate to se this my will fulfilled.

Witnesses: Sir Petyr Trott, John Braye, Thomas Cole, Robert Burke, John Mathew and Robert Querke.

Proved at Lambeth, November 9th, 1513.

1513. AMBROSE EDGERE.

[19 Fetiplace.]

September 22nd, 1513. Ambrose Edgere. My body to be buried before Oure Lady in the churche of Seynt Cutberts of

[1] *Sic* MS., but "*were*" is meant, see pp. 220, 248.

Wellys, dioc. Bathon et Wellen. To the highe aulter of the same churche 3*s.* 4*d.* To the churche of Stepney in Middlesex 6*s.* 8*d.* To Robert Pynder a gowne of sade tawney lyned with saten of Syprys with a doublet of tawney chamlet. To William Coper a gowne of russet furred with fox and to the same a doublet of red garded with velvet. To every godchilde within the parish of Stepney 20*d.*

The residue of all my goodes not gyven nor bequethed to Agnes my wyff, Nicholas Jenens and to William Kyrfote whom I make myn executors.

These being witnesse, Sir Robert Carter, parisshe prest of Wellis, John Saunderwike, William Cooper, John Gille and Nicholas Mortymer.

No probate.

1513. RICHARD COKKES.

[30 Fetiplace.]

December 2nd, 1513. Richard Cokkes, of Eastehartre, in the countie of Somersett. My body to be buried in the chircheyerde of Seynt Mathewes in London in Friday Stret. Unto the curet or person there for my mortuari my beste gowne or my hors, after the custome usyd. To the said chirche of Seynt Andrew foresaid (*sic*) 3*s.* 4*d.* To the vycar of Eastehartre foresaid for my offerings and tythes necligently witholden or forgotyn 6*s.* 8*d.* To the chirche of Esthertre foresaid 3*s.* 4*d.* To the chirche of West Hertre 12*d.* To the chirche of Lytton 12*d.* To the chirche of Henton 12*d.* To Richard Cokkes my fader my best gowne collor violet. To my broder William my best jaket. To Thomas my broder my best cote of cloth. To Thomas Stephynes my doblet of white fustian. To William Morgan myn beste hosyn. To Maister Bayley myne oste in Fryday Strete 20*s.* To my gostely fader curate of Seynt Mathewes 12*d.*, and to the clarke 4*d.* I will that the day of my buriall there be done for my soule a tryntall of Massis in the said chirch of Seynt Mathews, also I will that my wife do or cause to be done in dischargying of my soule serteyne pilgremages that I doo owe to Or Ladi of Walsinghm̃ 2*d.* To Worcester 3*d.* To Prince Edward at Tewkisbury 4*d.* To the Rode of Comysbury

5*d.* To Seynt Gollax, this to be done or by som other meanys lawfully to be dispensed with for the lesser charges.

The resedue to Alys my wiffe whom I make my executrice, she to see my children honestly kept after her power and eche of them to have parte of my goodes according to good conciens by her discrecion, and my overseers, William Barret and John Cornest.

Witnesses: the curet Sir John Coke, Richard Write, parish clarke, and Robert Bayly with other.

Proved at Lambeth, February 22nd, 1513.

1513. SIR JAMES LEYSON.

[33 Fetiplace.]

1513. Sir James Leyson, persone of Blakedon in the countie of Somerset. My body to be buryed in Saint Gregory's church besyde Poulis. To the high aulter of the same church 4*s.* To Saint Mighell chapell of the saide church a masse boke, a portuus of prynt. To my moder church of Wellis 6*s.* 8*d.* To my parisshe church of Blagedon to the Roode Loft 40*s.* To William Preist my fermor 40*s.*, and to his wyf 20*s.*, and to every of theyr children 12*d.* I woll after my decease that ther be 40*s.* dalt among the pore people of my parisshe of Blagedon. I make Master Doctor Whitingdon, Dean of Tharches, the overseer of my testament to whome I give my best gown furred with foynes. To the goodwyf James my blue gowne furrid with shanke. To Marget her doughter all my stuff in my grete chamber, as my bed complete, hanging, pillows, cussiouns, table, cheyers, cofers at the beddis fete with all that is therin, with a coberd in the said chamber. To Maistres Julian Filpot my secunde chamber as it standis, a cheyre and a lytill standing table. To Henry Brasyer my horsse brydill and sadill and all that longith to it. To Master Robert Cousyn, Dean of Wellis, a elle of fyn worsted. To Master Robert Cousyn a hert of golde. To Master Doctor Haryngton a table cloth of Dyaper conteyning 4 yerdis of length, a dyaper towell, a payre of shetis. To Sir Cristofer Gomuldon my vyolet gowne, a velvet tippet, a buters cle of silver and gilte, with a whistill and all my stuff at Blagedon. To William Darkyng 6*s.* 8*d.*, a new doublet of

sarsnet withoute slevis and my best bonet. To Symon Kyng my blak gowne with a tippet of clothe and a bonet.

The residue to Henry Brasyer of London and to William Pryste my fermor of Blagedon, whom I make executors to dispose as shall seme best for the welth of my soule laude and praysing to Almyghty Jhu.

In witness to this recordith Cristofer Gomuldon, preist, Sir Symon Kyng, Dorythe Hansetor. Proved March 7th, 1513.

[Testator was instituted rector of Blagdon, May 28th, 1503. *Somerset Incumbents*, 28.]

1514. THOMAS PEYTON.

[34 Fetiplace.]

April 29th, 1514. Thomas Peyton, of Bedmyster, my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Bedmyster, next the grave of my parents. Cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* Church of Bedmyster 3*s.* 4*d.* John Peyton my son 20*s.* Arthur my son 20*s.* William Peyton my son 20*s.* I will that Thomas Kyng of Dundry have for one ox 20*s.* 8*d.* I will that Robert Whitlok of Bedmyster have 8*s.* 4*d.* which I owe him. I will that William Loke of Bishporte have 4*s.* which I owe him.

Residue: Alice Peyton, my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Grenefeld, John Alwater, John Peyton and Arthur Peyton.

Witnesses: Sir Roger Jonys, Richard Taylor, and John Clerke. Proved June 2nd, 1514.

1514. SYMON PERS.

[14 Holder.]

May 15th, 1514. Symonde Pers, my body to be buried in the churche of Dunster, in the diocese of Bathe and Wellis. To the Prior of Dunster for my tythynges forgotten or witholden 5*s.* To the Rode lyght 20*d.* To the Dedde lyght 20*d.* To the vicar of Carhanton for forgotten tythyngs 20*d.* If it shall please Master Lutrell to se that my wyfe have no wrong, to have for his labor 20*s.* To Robert Dovell under hym to see the execucion of the same 10*s.* To John Greme, scolar, my best doblet, my cote, my best gowne. To John Greme, servant to John Cockes,

my violet gowne lyned with bokerhm̃, my black doblet of chamblet. To John Thlude my gowne furred with foxe. To Johan my wyffe all my other goodys moevable and unmoevable, she to dispose for my soule and heris as she shall seme best, and I make her my sole executrix.

These wytnesse, Sir John Holcomb, Sir Denyster, Thomas Juyn, John Wright and dyvers others.

Proved at Lambeth, January 26th, 1515.

1514. JOHN JOHN.

[33 Fetiplace.]

June 3rd, 1514. John John of the parish of Babcary. My body to be buried in holy grave of the parish church of Babcary. To the mother church of Wells 20*d.* Parish church of Babcary one cow. Parish church of Wedmore 2 cows. Parish church of Sowthbarrow 12*d.* Church of Sparkford 20*d.* Sir Stephen Goldisbourgh my curate 2 two-year-old bullocks. Agnes Bray my daughter 1 ox of five years of age. Stephen Bray son of Agnes my daughter one two-year-old bullock. Joan Bray daughter of Agnes my daughter the same. Edith Mone one two-year-old heifer. To each child of Agnes my wife one cow with its calf. To each of my godchildren one ewe. To each of my servants one lamb. John Cammel my servant one bullock of three years of age. William Cadbury one bullock of one year.

Residue: Agnes my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Robert Gilbert esquire.

Witnesses: Sir Stephen Goldisborough, rector of the church of Babcary, Thomas Whythed and William Algar.

Proved June 30th, 1514.

1512. SIR JOHN JEFFREY (CLK.).

[31 Fetiplace.]

June 20th, 1514. Sir John Jeffrey rector of the parish church of Obleygh [Ubley]. My body to be buried within the chancel of the church of St. Bartholomew the Apostle of Obleygh. Parish church of Obleygh 10*s.* Cathedral church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* To

the church of Henton Bluet 10*s.* Church of Lyng 3*s.* 4*d.* Church of Kyngeston 3*s.* 4*d.* Church of Greynton 12*d.* To each of the parish churches of Compton, Westharptre, Estharptre, Lytton, Chevyngton, Nemnet, Blakdon, Chewstoke and Chew 12*d.* Church of Wesbury 6*s.* 8*d.* Parish church of St. John the Baptist of Glaston 3*s.* 4*d.* Church of St. Benignus Glaston 20*d.* To each godchild 12*d.* To a priest celebrating at the altar of St. Katerine in the church of Obleygh for my soul and the souls of Richard and Margaret my father and mother and of John Pole for one whole year £6.

Residue: Sir Richard Rille (executor), and Agnes my sister (executrix) (to each 40*s.*). Overseer: Sir Robert Rygbye.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Jonys, curate of Compton, Sir Simon Mayn, Richard Robyns and Henry Fere.

Proved September 2nd, 1514.

[Instituted to Ubley, July 3rd, 1504. *Somerset Incumbents*, 296.]

1514. WILLIAM NETHWAY.

[26 Holder.]

September 27th, 1514. William Nethewey of Taunton. My body to be buried in the holy grave and sepulture in the Priory of Taunton there to rest in my chapell of Our Lady and Saint Theodorie in the church yarde of the Priory. To the church of Seint Andrew in Wellys 12*d.* To the sepulcre service and to the high crosse servyce in the church of Seint Mary Magdalen in Taunton 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To the Katerynke[1] of two wyndowis in the tower of the same church 26*s.* 8*d.* To John Fyssher my servant one pype of oode and half a packe of clothe. And if John my son die before he is 16 yeres of age, John Fyssher to have the barne and lande at Redehyll. To William Foxe my tenante on pype of oode. I will my feoffes kepe yerely in my chapell beforesaid 2 obits, one the day of my dethe and the other on St. Etheldrede is day at Mydsomer with thre Chanouns preests of the Priory 3 preests of Magdalene, 2 clerks, (and) 5 children, and to every preest 4*d.* if he say masse, if no 2*d.*, every clerke 2*d.*, every child 1*d.*, the bedman doing his duetie 2*d.* To the Prory for the light of 4 tapers 6*d.* To every of my feoffes if

[1] Cater, to cut diagonally. (*N.E.D.*)

they be present at my dirige and masse 2*d.*, if noe, nothing. And I will they give at every obite 2*s.* in ferthing brede to pore people, and I will they kepe the said obites with the profits of the maner of Cocke, with the residue repairing and maintaining the said chapell and fynding a preste to sing masse there and to pray for me and for the soules of Marion Sibille and Jone my wyffis, having yerely for his salary £5 13*s.* 4*d.* and for wyne brede and wex 2*s.* 8*d.* And I will my feoffes stand and be seased in all my burgages in Taunton, in the Est Strete wher Richard Parke dwellith and another wherein dwellith John Whetherton and in High Strete wherein John Hopkyns wever now dwellith and also in all my lands in Chamflore Huyssh in the countie of Somerset, to the use of John my son and of his heires, and if he die without issue they to find another honest preest to syng and pray in the said chapell as above with the same wagis. And if my feoffes die to 3 the survivors to make a feoffament to 10 or 12 or more persons of the seid burgages in Taunton and landis in Chamflore Huyssh and so to be done by those after them forever. And with the residue of the profitts of the said lands, etc., to make cawses and repayre hyewayes yerely within v myles of Taunton. And if John my son dye before 16 yeres of age all my moveable goodes to be disposed by my overseers. Also December 8th, 1516. I, the said William Nethewey woll that Agnes my wif have £100 according to the endentures betwene hir moder and me and the money that I had with her to be numbered in the same sum. Also to Agnes my wif a nutt with cover, a salt, a standing cupp, a dossen silver sponys, 2 gyrdills with gilt hernes, 2 peyre of bedes with all the apparell of hir body and if John my son dye before 16 yeres, Agnes my wif to have part of my goodes after the discrecion of my overseers. And they to dispose at my burying and moneths mynde to the poore £30.

The residue to John my son and executor.

Overseers: John Portman, gentilman, John Whetherton, John Calow, William Tidbury and Robert Tidbery clerk. And to John Portman 40*s.*, and to the rest 20*s.* each.

Witnesses: John Symmys, my curate, John Soper, John Danyell, John Clerk.

Proved at Lambeth, February 9th, 1516.

1514. JOHN WEBBE.

[1 Holder.]

October 22nd, 1514. John Webbe, son of Thomas Webbe deceased, whilst he lived of Wyndforde in co. Somerset, clothmaker of the age of 16 or 17 years, apprentice of my very dear master William Mononx, lately of the town of Bristoll merchant, my body to be buried in holy grave according to the discretion of my said master. I will that with part of the money coming to me from the goods of my father given to me by his will be found a suitable chaplain according to the discretion of the said William Mononx my master to celebrate and pray for my soul and for the souls of my parents, brothers and sisters, and all the faithful dead. In the space of three years next after my decease, viz., in that church where my body shall be buried for two whole years and in the church of Wyndeford where the body of my father is buried for one year, and I will that the said priest have yerely for his salary 10 marcs. To Thomas, John, and William Saunders sons of William Saunders my uncle (each) one pair of sheets to pray for my soul. Cecily Toplyff widow one pair of sheets. Margaret Davy of London widow one pair of sheets.

Residue: To be distributed by William Mononx my master among the poor, and I make him my executor.

Witnesses: Sir John Goderyke, chaplain, George Nicoll, William Baker, and Robert Blake, citizen and fuller of London.

Proved October 25th, 1514.

1514. THOMAS HALL.

[15 Holder.]

January 19th, 1514. Thomas Hall gentilman of Freshforde in the diocese of Bath and Wellis. My body to be buried in the chauncell of Freshforde beforesaide. To my moder church of St. Andrewes of Wellis 12*d.* To the high awter of Freshford before saide for my forgotten tythings 20*d.* To the bylding of Towre there 20*s.* To Alice my wyff all my movable goodis and dettis what so ever they be, owing to me. To Thomas my sonne £4 to be paide terme of his lyff. To Osmunde my sonne £4 terme of his lyff. This £8 to be paide of all my landis that

I have in Wiltes. To William my sonne, all my goodis that be in my place at Bradford and also in my grist myllis. And the saide William my sonne I make myn executor, he to dispose for the helth of my soule as semyth best after his discrecion. These being witnesses, Sir Aldem Reynold persone ther, William Genyns and Nicholas Saunders.

Proved March 7th, 1514.

1515. WILLIAM GOLDE.

[15 Holder.]

May 20th, 1515. William Golde. My body to be buried in the church of St. Andrew the Apostle of Northover. Fabric of the church of Wells 8*d.* Parish church of Northover 6*s.* 8*d.* Prior and convent of the order of friars preachers of Yevelchester to pray for my soul 6*s.* 8*d.* Rector of Northover for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To each of my children not married 40*s.*

Residue: Agnes my wife (executrix).

Proved March 17th, 1515.

1515. RICHARD NEWMAN.

[9 Holder.]

July 3rd, 1515. Richard Newman of Lutton [Litton]. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the prebendal church of Lutton. Fabric of cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Prebendal church of Lutton 6*s.* 8*d.* John Newman my son £20. William my son £20. Matilda my daughter £10. Joan Smyth my daughter 40*s.*

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Marshall, rector, and John Owland of Lutton.

Proved December 3rd, 1515.

1515. ROBERT KEPER.

[16 Holder.]

October 18th, 1515. Robert Keper of Dunster dioces of Bathe and Wellis. My body to be beryed in the parisshe churche of Dunster. To reparacion of the same churche 4*s.* 8*d.*

To high crosse light 12*d.* To the devocion light 12*d.* To the mayntenance of the churche of Saint Andrew of Welles 4*d.* To the Priour of Dunster 12*d.* To my seconde son John 5 payr of tokers sherys with all the apparell belonging to them, a salt of silver price 40*s.* To Thomas my son 46*s.* 8*d.*, with 5 payr of tokar sheris. To Richard my son 40*s.*, with 6 silver spones. To William my son 40*s.*, with a flok-bedde performed. To John my yonger son 40*s.* with a flok-bedd fully performed. To Grace my doughter 40*s.*, with a fetherbed performed, and 3 mesures of Ode, or 40*s.* in money. Yf hit shall fortune eny of these forenamed John, Thomas, Richard, William, John or Grace to dye before the dey of ther mariage or promocion, I wyll the goods of hym or them to remayne alweys and to be devided in equall porcions among them then being alyve, provided also that these forenamed goodes be delivered after the discrecion of Johanna Keper my wyf and John Keper my eldest son. The residue to Johanna Keper my wiff whom I make my executrice to dispose after hir discrecion.

Witnesses: Syr John Holann, Thomas Juner and William Keper.

Proved at Lambeth, April 27th, 1516.

1515. WILLIAM BAILY *ALS.* RAWLYNS.

[14 Holder.]

November 8th, 1515. William Baily otherwise called Rawlyns, of Warehm̃. My body to be buryed in the churcheyard of the parisshe that my fortune shalbe to depart in out of this mysery wordiłł. To the moder church of Sarum 12*d.* To Castell Cary churche whereas I was borne 20*s.* To Seynt Petir's churche in Warehm̃ 20*s.* To the parson of the same church pro decimis oblitis 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicary of Cary churche pro decimis oblitis 3*s.* 4*d.* To the house of Brueton wherof I am brother 40*s.* To the charterhouse in Selwod 13*s.* 4*d.* To the house of Staffordell 13*s.* 4*d.* To Our Lady churche of Warehm̃ 10*s.* To the brotherhed of Corpus Xri in the same churche 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Abbot of Byndon 6*s.* 8*d.* To the convent of Byndon 13*s.* 4*d.* to pray for me. To the grey frerys of Dorchester to pray for me 13*s.* 4*d.*

To the brotherhed of Alhalowes of Kymbrigge 6*s.* 8*d.* To every englissh prest that cometh to my beryinge 8*d.* To every frensshe prest 6*d.* I will that immediately after my deth as shortly as can be gotyn an honest pryst to synge for me by the space of 2 yere taking by the yere for his wages £6 or els if there can be any sadde man gotyn that will synge a trentall truely let hym have the hoole £12, and synge but oon yere. I will and charge my wyfe that she kepe or cause to be kept every yere an obbit upon Passion Sonday at Cary the dirige, and the Monday the masses, to pray for my fader is soule and my moders and all ther frendes during the space of 15 yeres the charge of the obitte shalbe every yere 20*s.* whiche obitte I stand charged by my moders testament to see hit performyd, the money that shall paye for this obitte £12 of it remayneth in the hands of Robert Chyke and Stephyn Chyke the £3 my wife shall performe hit. To the eleven poore people of the Almose house of Warehm̃ to every of theym 5*d.* apece. To my men that shall bere me to churche and to my grave 4*d.* everyman for their labor. To Sir Thomas Gyllot my gostly father 3*s.* 4*d.* to pray for my soule. To Robard Chyke a furred gowne a doublet of tawny damaske. Stephyn Chyke an other furred gowne a jacket of blacke chamlett, a doublet of blacke damaske stocked with tawney checkyd saten. I wyll that my doughter Gylbard shall have ageyn the gowne that her husbond dyd geve me. To Alys Chyke the doughter of Richard Chyke of Canford 6 sponys of silver with knappes gylted whiche I bought of Wesbury that hath maryed hir mother. To William Chyke son of Robert Chyke my godson to his mariage £20. And if he happen to dye before mariage then the said £20 to be devided amongst the remanent of the childers of the said Robard by even porcions. To Robert Chyke 26*s.* 8*d.* to helpe paye for the said William Chyke is table and my wyfe to deliver hym home to his father for at Bruton is a free scole. I will that my wife and her heires for ever shall yerely dele in almys to 5 pore people every evyn of Our Lady, Cristemas eve and on Good Friday 1*d.* to every of theym to say in the honor of Our Blessid Lady v pater nosters, v aves and a crede for my soule and all cristen [soules]. And also that 5 pore people the said daies to have 1*d.* apece to sey in the honor of that blissed Passion that

Crist suffred for the redemption of mankynde v pater nosters v aves and a crede. This money to be paid on Richard Ylez house and the land that I purchased of Cristyan Bacar widowe and the overplus of the rent to remayne to Anne my wyf and to her heyres in fee for evermore. The reparacion therof truely kept as oft as new requireth. Also I will that every man woman and child that comyth to my berying have a peny every pece of them. The residue to Annes my wyf and I make her my soole executrice and my good master Roger Cheverell and John Jerard overseers, and to be frendly to my poore wyfe and executrice, and master Cheverell to have for his payne 40*s.*, and John Jerard for his payne 10*s.* Also I will and graunt that Annes my wife shall have and enjoye all my londs and tenements in Somersettshere and Dorset for the terme of hir lyfe and after her decesse and partyng out of this wordyll to Robard Chyke for terme of his life, and after his deth to the heyres of the said Robard and Alys the doughter (*sic*) of Robard which lawfully bygote bitwen them for evermore.

Proved at Lambeth, February 12th, 1515.

1515. REGINALD WEST.

[15 Holder.]

February 22nd, 1515. Raynolde West subdean of the cathedral church of S. Andrew of Wellis, prebendary of Holcomb in the countie of Devonshire and residenser of the cathedral church of Wellis. My body to be buryed in the body of the saide cathedral church before the image of Saint Anne under the Arche, for the which sepulture I geve to the werkes of the said church 20*s.* To the moder church of S. Andrew foresaid 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish church of S. Mathew of Okey 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish (church) of S. Petir of Shepton Malett a garnysh of pewter vessell counterfete which I will be to the use of the same church. To the church of Stokintinhed in Devonshire 6*s.* 8*d.* To my nevew Sir Thomas West knt. banerett 2 salts double gilt with one cover. To Sir John Orchard vicar of the said cathedral church a gowne of beauty furrid with blake, a tepet of velvet lyned with blake, 6 sponys of silver, the typis gilt, the best dyaper cloth and a towell of dyaper, a payre of

good shetis. To Sir Richard Pomeray master of the werkes of the said church a vyolet gowne furrid with blake, a bord cloth and a towell of dyaper, a payr of good shetis. To Sir John Goddard 3 bokis and a decretall Sexten and Clemẽteyns, 6*s.* 8*d.* in money. To Sir Thomas Seward my cope, the best amyce and 2 surplys. To Master Robert Forst in the countie of Devonshire my scarlett gowne lyned with silk to pray for my soul. To Reynolde Hende my godson if he do overlyve me my best goblet with a cover with crampetts uppon the knopp, a ryall of gold and 3 crusadewys.[1] To Robert Wilson my servant the next goblet double gilt without a cover, myne owne lying bed with all the appurtenances belonging, the tester of satten of Sypres blue and rede also a hanging of grene say lying in my presse chambr̃, a garnysshe of pewter vessell counterfett, 2 payre of shetis, one paire of the best and another of the second sorte, a bordeclothe of dyaper, and 6 napkyns of dyaper, a long tuell of clothe, a bason and ewer of pewter, halff my stuff of the kechyn oonly my grete pott except, my bay nag with sadill and brydill therto. To Rawlyn Borowg̃ht 6 sponys of silver the tippes gilt a tester of a bed rede and grene a payre of shetes the other half of the stuff of my kechyn except the grete pott, the grene say in the parlor a spruse table. To John Sedenham, John Twyg, Rauff Forster, William Walshman, 3 fetherbeds, 4 payre of good shetis and 4 payre of course shetis, the hangings of dornyk of my chamber and hall. Also to Rauff Forster the stuff of my buttry, as, borde clothes, towells, napkyns, candilstick, knyfes that he dayly usid under his keping. To John Marlar the yonger a matrasse and the coverlet with a payre of shetis and 20*s.* to be payde for the discharge of an obligation standing for his wages. To Thomas Knappe 2 pottis and pannes, the grete pott except, the hangings of my hall at Shepton Malett. I will my grete pott in Wellis and my grete pot in Shepton with bordis and trestillis formes and benchis shalbe longing to the use of the parsonage of Shepton beforesaide for evermore. Also the tymber with tyle, lathnayles, and lathes shalbe reserved to the use of the house for parte of the dilapidacion. To thuse of the vicars of the close of Wellis the newist garnish of pewter vessell. To Sir Richard at-Well notary 13*s.* 4*d.* which that Johan Serne of

[1] Crusade, a Portuguese coin, on which a representation of the Crucifixion appears.

Shepton shall pay upon a plege yf she overlyve me. Also to Sir John Myghell my parish prest of Shepton my mely tawney gowne unlyned for the promyse of the keping of my cure. To John Coke my tawny gowne lyned with cotton and a tepett of blacke clothe. To Robert Rake my shorte violet gowne to pray for my soule. To John Turnor of Okey my tenant 6*s.* 8*d.* Also I have this day given unto Sir John Orchard a bason and an ewer with my armes, a standing cup of playne warke double gilt with a cover, also one with flouris of roses, two cuppis with covers and armes without eny revocacion therof ageyn whither that I lyve or dye unto remayne in his handes for to pay bakars, brewers, barbor, lavenders, my servants wagis and my dettis unto Sir Richard Pomeray, Agnes Bukland wedow, John Lovell clothmaker of Shepton Malet. Also I will Sir John Orchard have the residue of my goodis to performe my will. I will the quere of Wellis have for my dirigis and masses 40*s.* and for the wax and drinking at the laudable custome of singing the Sawter 26*s.* 8*d.* which with the money for my sepulture shalbe paid by the communar of the churche of the arreragis that I have behynde. And I make my executor Sir Thomas West my nevew having £4 for his labor now being in the hands of Thomas Lupset goldsmyth of Chepsyd in London which he hath received of me in trust for a standing cupp double gilt with flouris and armis, my said executor to pay the rest of the money for the cupp and to have it for his own use if I die. Also if I die my said nevew Sir Thomas Weste my executor shall receive almaner of rent perteyning to me at the feast of the Nativitie of St. John Baptist at Lammasse callid Advincla Sancti Petri next to come after this daye, as myn indenture more playnly shewith to pay my dettis withall. He to dispose the residue for my soule. Also I leve Ester Day and till the Sonday next folowing called Dominica in Albis that all such duytys as I shall receive at Ester Our Lady day and the Sonday folowing and cannot receyve it for febleness and sekenesse of body I geve power to Sir John Orchard vicar of the said cathedrall church to receyve it and I make him my supervisor, having 20*s.* for his labor and occupying suych plate which is in his handes to pay my creditors in and aboute Wellis as far as it will extende my executor paying the residew of my detts. And I will my nevew my executor ayde

and supporte Sir John Orchard in any cawses that may soo fortune. I will if any other testaments be forgid and made by color of sinistre menys that they be of none effect, but only this my present will, one parte to remayn with Sir John West my nevew and executor and the other with Sir John Orchard my supervisor.

Witnesses: Sir John Goddard my goostly father, Rawlyn Borough, Robert Wilson, Rauff Forster, John Twyg.

Proved at Lambeth, March 6th, 1515.

1516. WILLIAM CARENT.

[23 Holder.]

April 7th, 1516. Wyllyam Carent theldr̃, my soul to Our Lord Jesu Xrẽ and to his blessid mothr̃ Saint Mary and specially to pray for me the good saints that I have had mynde and prayers moost unto, that is, to Saint Nichas, Saint George, Saint John Baptist, Saint Cristofer, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Gabriell, Saint Erasmus, Saint Fabian, Saint Sebastian, and my body to be buried in the churche of Saint Mighell Tharcangell at Hengestrige in Our Lady Ile if it may be convenyently in the tumbe where my graunt fathr̃ was buried if it please Allmyghty Jesu if I depart within xx^{ti} myles therunto and if not, at the discrecion of myn executors. Also I will that the vicary of Hengstrige now being Sir John Bobot have 40*s.* to pray for me and that my feoffes gyve credens unto hym of suche things as he shall informe them of if I doo it not my self by my dayes. To thabbey of Abbotesbury 40*s.* To thabbey of Brewton 20*s.* To thabbey of Shirborne 20*s.* To thabbey of Shaftisbury 20*s.*, and I beseche all these places to pray for me. I wyll that Thomas Water my servñt have an hundreth shilings and likewise William Stone my servant.

The residue to my wif and my sonne Wyllyam myn executors. And I wyll they pay to my sonne Richard of my goodes 100 mr̃cs.

Proved at Lambeth, October 18th, 1516.

1516. WILLIAM LOVE.

[15 Ayloffe.]

May 10th, 1516. William Love of Taunton diocese of Bathe marchaunte, my body to be buried in the chircheyarde of the Priory in Taunton. To the Prior of the said place and to all the hoole convent 4 mesures of Oode to pray for me and all myne. To the cathedrall church of Welles 4*d.* To the vicar of Mawdelyn church in Taunton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Crosse service there 3*s.* 4*d.*, and to the sepulcre service there 3*s.* 4*d.* To William my sonne £13 6*s.* 8*d.* To Robert my son £13 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to every of my doughters £13 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that Johan my wif shall have the use and occupying of all my plate duryng the terme of hir lyf and aftir hir decesse it shall be devyded holy amongst all my children equally and amongst the survivors if any die. And if all die part to be disposed to the higheways whereas most nede is and part to poore people and part to a prest to syng and pray for me and all myne as far as it will extende and suffice. I will that my executrix shall immediately after my monethes mynde provide an honest preest to syng and pray for me and myne for 2 yeres taking yerely for his service £6 of money, wyne and wax. To Water Love my brother 40*s.* and to Elisabeth Hyllyng my suster half a pece of lenon clothe.

The residue to Johane my wif my executrice.

Overseers: Roger Hill of Taunton marchaunte, John Bowyer and Henry Goold and to each 10*s.*

This renewed and endyted January 11th, 10 Hen. VIII.

Proved at Lambeth, March 23rd, 1518.

1516. HENRY STYLE.

[18 Holder.]

June 20th, 1516. Henry Style. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Frome. Mother church of Wellys 12*d.* Light of the Holy Cross of Frome 4*d.* Light of St. Mary 4*d.* Light which is called "Dowell,"[1] 2*d.* Light of St. Cristofer 2*d.* St. Andrew and St. Mary Magdalene 4*d.*

[1] Will of Robert Lewis of Frome Selwood, dated June 12th, 1541 [Serel collection] —"To the Dowell lyght yn Frome church 2*d.*"

Residue: William Style my brother (executor).

Witnesses: Sir Richard Hastho, Sir William Say, John Mayne, Thomas Walshe.

Proved June 27th, 1516.

1516. LAWRENCE YERBERY.

[23 Holder.]

October 12th, 1516. Lawrence Yerbery, my body to be buried in the church of B.M. of Batcū [Batcombe]. To the said church £3. To the five lights of the said church 5*s*. Mother church 6*s*. 8*d*. To my son Thomas Yerbery £6 13*s*. 4*d*. To John my son £6 13*s*. 4*d*. To Joan my daughter £6 13*s*. 4*d*. To John my younger son £20 and a dyeing vat and furnace.

Residue: My wife (executrix).

Proved October 23rd, 1516.

1516. WILLIAM BOWCHER.

[4 Ayloffe.]

January 10th, 1516. William Bowcher of Collay in Estharptre. My body to be buried in halowed grounde. To the cathedral church of Welys 12*d*. To the parish church of Estharptre 60 pounds of wex. To the parish church of Henton Bluet 10 pounds of wex. To the parish church of Lytton 5 pounds of wex. To the parish church of Camley 5 pounds of wex. To the parish church of West Harptre 5 pounds of wex. To Margaret my wyfe and John my son all my potts, pannys, pewter vessell and all the stuff belonging to my shop, and all my silver plate except one pece of silver which I give to my son William. To my wife and John my son my plough and corne with dragges, ropys and all my kyne, and horsbests, and the residue of my rotherbests I geve to William my son. To Richard my son c marcs and if he die, the sum to remain to John and William my sons and Cristian my doughter in evyn porcions. To the 4 orders of freres in Bristowe £8. To Richard my brother 10*s*. To each of my godchildren 12*d*. To Luce Hayward 40*s*. To the vicar of Estharptre 20*s*. The residue to William and John my sons and executors.

Overseer: My son-in-lawe John Champeneys to whom I give £4.

Witnesses: Sir John Steryge vicar of West Harptre, Sir John Carnok vicar of Est Harptre, Sir Symon Seward, parson of Henton.

Proved at Lambeth, February 6th, 1517.

1516. RICHARD HILLARD.

[30 Holder.]

January 25th, 1516. Richard Hillard, my body to be buried in the parish church of B.M. Magd. of Dychesyate [Ditcheat]. The three lights of the said church 3*s.* To the sustentation of a stipendiary chaplain celebrating at the altar of B.M. in the said church one cow. Cathedral church of Wells 6*d.* To each of my godsons for whom I have undertaken at the sacred fonts or before the Bishop (*antistiti*) 4*d.*

Residue: Rose Hillard, my wife (executrix).

Overseer: John Hillard.

Witnesses: Sir John Kyttys, Robert Bythesee, William Austen and others.

Proved May 12th, 1517.

1516. SIR JOHN SPEKE, KNT.

[9 Ayloffe.]

February 20th, 1516. John Speke, knight, my body to be buried in the cathedral church of Saint Peter in Excetor within my chapell of Saint George. I will my executors ordeyn 2,000 masses with placebo and dirige as soon as possible after my departyng and every preest to have for his labor 6*d.* To George Speke my son 200 marks. I will Elisabeth my wife have all such plate as she brought with her and 20 marc worth more of my plate as she will chuse herself also ix xx and x*li.* in money that it be furnysshed and made to her worth ccc marcs, also she shall have the almeshouse at Excetor to lye in as she will as long as she is sole leaving it at her death to my executor as good as it is, also all suche stuff as is here at Whitlakington, hangings both in chamber and ellswhere, oxen, kee, shepe,

almaner of ploughgere, crokkes, pannys, pewter vessell. And if she clayme any other things than I have bequethed, my bequest to her to be voyde. And yf John Speke of Haywode interrupt hir of any landes that I have gevyn her then I will my feoffees doo sell away the landes from him and from his heires for evermore, she to have the profitt and value of it during her life. And if the said John Speke of Haywode interrupt any other man of lands I have gevyn him, I will my feoffees demayn them in likewise as before rehersid. To George my son the one half of my best cheyne, the other half to John Speke of Haywode, yf he kepe the poyntments and premisses that I have put her in, if no, the whole cheyne to George Speke. To Anne my doughter 40 marc and her fynding till she be 17 yeres of age. To Elisabeth the litill mayde to her mariage 10 marcs and her fynding till she be 14 yere of age. To William Marshall my servant 40*s.* and his half yeres wages and to his son, my godson 20*s.* To Thurstone Harop 40*s.* and half a yeres wages. To John Joyner 100*s.* and to his son my godson 40*s.* To Petyr Markynfeld 20*s.* and to John Joyner and him all my wering gere, gownes, dobletts, hosys, jaketts and shirts. To every godson of mine in Whitlakyngton 6*s.* 8*d.* To Richard Wysche his fynding while he liveth and som̃ money in his purse. To Thomas Ratclyff my roon horse and 4 marcs. To Thomas Cotton 40*s.* and the keping of my parke and 40*s.* yerely for his labour. To Petir Markinfeld the graye horse whiche he rideth upon alway himself. To George Speke my sonne all my newe hangings of tappystrye and the coverlet of the same. The residue to George Speke my sonne, my executor.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Adams, vicar of Whitlakington and Sir John Michell, parson of Compton Martyn, maister Prior of Evylchester, John Purkas, maister William Chamborne and William Marshall.

Proved at Lambeth, May 31st, 1518.

1516. ALICE BRYMMORE.

[33 Ayloffe.]

February 20th, 1516. Alys Brymmore of Bruton wydoo, my body to be buried in the under parishe church of Bruton

before the awter of Our Blissid Ladie ther. To the moder church of Seint Andrew of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the under parisshe church of Brewton for the newe bylding of parcell of the southe yle there £4. To the fraternite of Our Blissed Lady in the said church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parissh church of Badcomb 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parisshe church of Lameyate 3*s.* 4*d.* To the chapell of Brewhame 3*s.* 4*d.* To the chapell of Pydcombe 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parisshe church of Castell Carie 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Bratton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parisshe churche of Mylton 3*s.* 4*d.* To James Lambell of Ylmystre 10*s.* To every of the children of Richard Brymmore my son now ded 2 spones of silver. To Margery Brymmore doughter of the said Richard Brymmore 60 wethers of my flocke of Badcombe. To Richard Michell, William Mychell, Water Mychell and Margaret Mychell children of Reynold Mychell and of Anne late his wif now ded to every of them 20 marke, the part of any dying to be divided amongst the survivors. And if all die my supervisours to provide an honest preest to sing in the said yle in the under parishe churche at Brewtone for the soules of John Brymmore late my husband, for me and for the children so departed and all our frends and benefactors duryng the extente of the said sum of £13 16*s.* 8*d.* To every of my godchildren 8*d.* To William, Abbot of the Monastery of Brewton one of the supervisors of my will 53*s.* 4*d.* To John Fitz-james the elder esquier another supervisour 53*s.* 4*d.* To John Walton and Stephyn Chike my other supervisours 20*s.* each. To the prior of Charterhouse Witthame 33*s.* 4*d.* To the Prior of Charterhouse Henton 20*s.* To Sir John Loty, Prior of Bruton 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir William Brymmor chanon of Brewtone 13*s.* 4*d.* To Sir Robert Rotheram preste, my gostely father 6*s.* 8*d.* I will that my executor provide an honest preste to sing for 3 yeres before the altar of Our Blissid Ladye in the under parissh churche of Brewton ymmediately after the day of my obite praying for the soules of John Brymmor and for me and all our goode fryndes soules, taking yerely £5 13*s.* 4*d.*; and I will further that my executor holde in the under parissh churche of Bruton forsaid the anniversary of the said John Brymmore and of me and all our frendes from the day of my obite unto the end and terme of 13 yeres next ensuyng, gevyng and distributing to pristes and other poore people yerely 20*s.*

My will is that my free land descend to the right heyre according to the evidence therof by the discrecion of the said Abbot and John Fitz-james. The residue to Reynold Michell my executor.

Proved at Lambeth, May 12th, 1517.

1517. ROBERT BURNEHAM.

[34 Holder.]

April 16th, 1517. Robert Burneham of Axebrige, my body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of St. John Baptist of Axbrige. Mother church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* My curate for tithes not well paid 5*s.* To each of the principal lights of the said church 6*d.* For making of a chalice 53*s.* 4*d.* To Matilda my daughter £20. Margaret Halys and Joan Halys daughters of John Halys (each) 20*s.* John Halys my second best gown. Joan wife of the same as much cloth as will suffice for a gown. John Burneham 26*s.* 8*d.* Edward Coker 6*s.* 8*d.* John Kemmyse 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Isabel my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Kemmys and Edward Coker.

Witnesses: Thomas Irelond, curate there, John Kemmys, and Edward Coker.

Proved July 13th, 1517.

1517. JOHN BARTELET.

[31 Holder.]

April 21st, 1517. John Bartelet. My body to be buried in the parish church of St. Mary of Brigwater. To the high altar 12*d.* To each altar in the said church 12*d.*, and to all the altars in the same church 4*d.* Sir William Alen sub-curate 10*s.*, and my best shirt (*camisia*).

Residue: Margaret Shipcote and John Saunders my godfather (executors).

Witnesses: Sir William Alen, John Northcote and William Hyatt.

Proved May 18th, 1517.

1517. JOAN GRYME.

[4 Ayloffe.]

September 26th, 1517. Joan Gryme widow of Dunster. My body to be buried in the church of St. George of Dunster. Cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* Light of the high cross in the said church 3*s.* 4*d.* Devotion light 20*d.* Light of B.M. 12*d.* Light of St. George 12*d.* Repair of the aisle (*gilde*) of the Holy Trinity 20*d.* Prior of Dunster for tithes forgotten 20*d.* Vicar of Dunster 2*s.* 6*d.*

Residue: Thomas Everode, Thomas Millet and their wives (executors).

Witnesses: Thomas Everode senior, Thomas Juner and others.

Proved January 26th, 1517.

1517. THOMAS TOMYOWE.

[9 Ayloffe.]

September 30th, 1517. Thomas Tomyowe, unworthy priest of God, doctor in both laws, and residentiary canon of the cathedral churches of Exeter and Wells. My body to be buried next Master Naus in the church of Exeter aforesaid. John Skewys my nephew one standing cup silver and gilt with its cover with my arms impressed on the top. Thomas Tomyow my nephew one low (*bassum*) cup silver and gilt with its cover "cum le Braunchis" on the cover. My niece Alice Harrys all my rings.

Residue: John Harrys my servant (executor).

Proved August 12th, 1518.

1517. JOHN PARYS.

[4 Ayloffe.]

January 13th, 1517. John Parys husbondman of Stoke Chewe. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church St. Andrew of Chewe aforesaid. My curate of Stoke for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* Cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* Parish church of Stoke Chewe 6*s.* to make a new canopy.

Parish church of St. Andrew of Chewe 2 sheep. Chapel of B.M. of the same outside the church 20*d.* My son William 10 sheep and one cow. To a priest to celebrate for my soul one trental of masses of St. Gregory 10*s.* My daughter Joan one sheet. Parish church of Westharptre two sheep. Parish church of Cumton Marten one sheep. Church of Neñete [Nempnet] one sheep.

Residue: Agnes my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Rector of the church, William Saunders, Henry Tege, with others.

Proved February 1st, 1517.

1517. WILLIAM SELWODE.

[4 Ayloffe.]

January 20th, 1517. William Selwode. My body to be buried within the church of Charde, in our Lady ile in the north parte of the church. To the mother church of Wells 20*d.* To the church of Chard 20*s.* To the making of the sepulcre there £4 6*s.* 8*d.*, and 40*s.* of the gyfte of Maister John Strete and 6*s.* 8*d.* of the gyfte of Margaret Clapp which that restith in my hands of their bequests. To Our Lady service there 10*s.* To S. Kateryn service there 10*s.* To my curat Sir Thomas Preston 10*s.* To Our Lady preest there 3*s.* 4*d.* To S. Kateryn preest there 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parish clerk there 3*s.* 4*d.* To the bedmen there 20*d.* To William Clapp £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my son John Selwode £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my son Thomas Selwode £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my son William Selwode £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my doughter Johane Selwode £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my brother Robert Selwode a gowne. To my brother John Selwode a gowne. To my suster Alice Dyght a gowne clothe. I will my wife provide an honest preest as long as £40 will extende, to pray for me. To my wyfe Cecily my burgage in Byrtport in the countie of Dorset. The residue to my wyfe Cicely. Overseer, Roger Mychell. Witness, Sir Thomas Preston my curate and notary public, William Symmys, constable, and John Dyght.

Proved at Lambeth, April 29th, 1517.

1518. ELIZABETH SPEKE (COLSHILL).

[17 Ayloffe.]

December 18th, 1518. Elizabeth late the wif of Sir John Spek knyght. My body to be buried in the cathedrall church of Exeter by the body of my said husband Sir John Speke, within the newe chapell of Seint George which he late made and founded. To the parisshens and parish churche of Whyte Lakyngton £4, two gownes, oon of black damaske furred with greye, another of violet satyn. To everyche of my godchildern 12*d.* To my sonne William Colshill is wif a bee of gold with stonys, and to the said William my two best salts of silver and gilt with the cover and oon of my best stondyng cuppis gilte and chased of oon sorte, and to his brother Walter Colshill the other cupp of the same sorte and my best basyn and ewer of silver. To Maister Lewes Pollard, Justice, my gilt water ewer. To my cosyn John Rowe serjaunt at the Lawe my second best basyn and ewer of silver and my best bolle pece of silver and gilt, six sponys of silver and gilt the oon half of my fyne naprie clothe and the oder half to my cosyn John Soumaster and to hym my thred basyn and ewer of silver, a standyng chaced cupp gilte and 12 spones knopped with the twelve appostells and a lytull cheyne of gold, the same cheyne to remayne to his sonne and heire after hym which is claymed by George Spekk to be the goodes of his fathers. To his wyf another lytull chayne of gold wrought in diverse places after the forme of bedstones, which is also claymed by the said George Speke. And if the cheynes be taken away by the said George, then I will she shall have my lytull rope of perells with the bedstone of gold. Also to hir my litull paire of beides of gold, and my best purfle fot a bonet sett with perells and my best pyncasse, also a crosse of gold that hyng aboute my necke usually, my secound best frontlet and a demy girdell the coorse of venys gold.[1] To maister Hawke a scoler of Oxford an old chaced pece of silver. To Seint Patryks of Exeter my black gowne of satyn furred with whyte mynever and purfelyd with powder armyne.[2] To Elisabeth Colshill a tawny gowne of cloth purfeled with black

[1] *Test. Ebor.* iv, 257. [2] *Ibid.*, 209.

velvet. To my suster Alice Gere my gowne of violet ingrayned, furred with black bogie. To Alice wife of John Gere a gowne of violett ingreyned and furred with whyte letees.[1] To Margaret Trowbrigge a gowne of black chamlett purfelyd with cremysyn velvet and my best bonet garnysshed and my best frountlet embrouded. To Alice the wife of John Gere my second best bonet. To Amy the wif of William Ashe my thryd best bonet and a chaced pece of silver. To Alice Uppeton my cheff woman-servant a gowne of tawny clothe purfeled with crymsyn velvet and to her an old bonet of black velvet and 40*s.* To the chapell of Seint George of Exeter a gurdell harnessed with silver and gilte. To the housse of Greye freris of Exiter seven yerdis of tawny satyn. To the parisshens and parish of Pokyngton a kirtill of tawny damaske and an other of black satyn for a paire of vestments. To Elisabeth Marshall a bolle pece of silver. To my suster Alice Gere 3½ yerdis of fyne tawny clothe and a blak kirtill of wolsted. To Cristian my servant a girdell harnessed with silver. To my servants William Marshall, Richard Parker, John and Thurston Harroppe, John Coke, Gilbert the porter, to every of them 6*s.* 8*d.* To my twoo wymen servants 6*s.* 8*d.* each. To Richard Webbe 3*s.* 4*d.* To John, undercoke, Thomas Taunton, Thomas Bruer, Walter Bayly and Henry my cosyn Somaster ys man 20*d.* each. To my godsonne John Hawker 3*s.* 4*d.* The residue to the forsaid John Rowe and John Somaster my executors.

Proved at Lambeth, June 17th, 1519.

1518. MARGARET WADHAM.

[16 Ayloffe.]

December 18th, 1518. Margaret Wadeham, widow, my body to be buried in the church of B.M.V. of Ilmyster, viz., before the crucifix in the nave of the church next the altar of the Holy Cross. To Guy my son my manor at Lambroke. To the high altar of the said church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the fraternity of the Holy Cross 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of St. Andrew 12*d.* To a certain priest celebrating in the same church to pray for me and for those for whom I am bound to pray 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicar of

[1] Lettice, a kind of grey fur. (*Wright.*)

the same church for tithes forgotten 10*s.* The cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* Alice wife of John my son and heir a very valuable girdle and two rings of gold but other ornaments of my body, viz., gowns, bonnets,[1] beads, rings, with all their appurtenances I bequeath to Joan and Alice my daughters wishing Joan to have first choice except one pair of beads and one golden girdle which I give to Joan Denyse my daughter. To Joan Potter my servant one cow and 10 sheep and 20 nobles of my goods. I will that an honest priest shall celebrate for my soul in the said church for one whole year and receive £6 for his stipend. To the said church for the use of sacerdotal vestments for that year 13*s.* 4*d.* To each godchild 9*d.* or a sheep.

Residue: John my son and heir (executor).

Witnesses: John Wenysley, vicar there, Robert Barfote, John Smythe, Robert Thesser.

Proved March 23rd, 1518.

1518. JOHN TREVELYAN, KNT.

[27 Mainwaring.]

January 20th, 1518. John Trevylyan knyght, my body to be buried in the parish church or chaunsell of Netilcombe. To the cathedral church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* Into the store of the brotherhed of Our Lady of Netilcombe 6*s.* 8*d.* To the light before the high cross 2*s.* To the light before St. George 20*d.* To the lights of S. Erasmus, S. Anthony, and All Soulen 12*d.* each. To the maintenance of the light before S. John the Baptiste 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parson of Netilcombe for tithes and oblations forgoten 10*s.* I will my executors immediately after my decease make a chapel of Our Ladie and S. George in the North part of the chaunsell of Netilcombe in length of the saide chaunsell and in bredethe of 11 or 12 foote, after the caste and proportion as is contained in a bill for the making of the same signed with my own hand. And whereas I the said John Trevilian have ordained in my will made upon my lands for £200 in 10 years to be taken of and in my maner of Walesbrughe to pay all my debts, etc., I will the residue be bestowed in ornaments for the said chapel and to an honest

[1] Caleptra, pileus ex *feltro* confectus, *chapeau de feutre.* (*Ducange.*)

prest to sing and pray therein for the soules of me, my father and mother and all myn aunsettres and frends, both quyck and dede. To Jane my wife a cuppe covered called "the Myghell," 2 gilt salts, a dosen silver spones, 100 shepe, 4 kyne, 3 horses or geldings and an amelyng mare, 3 fetherbeds, 3 matrases with ther bolsters and to every bed a coverlet a paire of blankets and 2 pair of shetes, also the 3rd part of the stuff of my kechyn. To Thomas Trevilian my sonne a cuppe of silver and gilt with the cover with a horse[1] upon it, 2 fetherbeds with ther bolsters, to every bed a coverlet, a pair of blankets and 2 pair of shetes, 8 oxen, 12 kyne, 100 shepe, 6 grete maris of Rowdon, and 6 maris owte of Cornewall. To Elisabeth Cavell 60*s*. To each of the churches of S. Borian, S. Peryn in Uthenoo, S. Mawgon, S. Mawnon, S. Marwyn, in Cornewale, a banner of S. George. The residue to my sonne and heir John Trevilian whom with John Cavell and Conande Englisshe, I make my executor.

Overseers: Mãg George Trevilian, Thomas Trevilian my son, maister William Cavell parson of Netilcombe and Jamys Clerke.

Witnesses: Sir John Cres chaplain, Richard Baker.

Proved at Lambeth, September 18th, 1522.

1519. PHILIP CLOGGE.

[17 Ayloffe.]

April 7th, 10 Hen. VIII. Philipp Clogge of Wythepole in the countie of Somerset, my body to be buried in the parish church of Wythepole. To the parsone of the same church of Wythepole for forgoten tithes 3*s*. 4*d*. To the Highe Crosse of the said church a shepe. To the store of Oure Ladye of the same church a shepe. To the store of Seint Andrewes in the said church a shepe. To Johane my wif all such stuff within dores as she had before that I maried with her. To John Clogge my servant the rest of the stuff indoors except quoyne and silver plate, and I make them my executors, they to find an honest prest for oon yere in the said church to saye dirige wekely on the day that I departe. I will they give no part of

[1] Arms of Trevelyan of Nettlecombe, co. Somerset: *Gu. a demi-horse ar. hoofed and maned or, issuing out of water, in base ppr.*

my goodes to John Clogge of Marwod for diverse considerations, and specially for that the said John Clogge of Marwode is not my sonne.

Proved at Lambeth, May 27th, 1519.

1519. JOHN WELSHOTE.

[18 Ayloffe.]

April 26th, 1519. John Welshote of the burghe of Wells in the countie of Somerset, mercer. My soul to Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary and SS. Cuthbert and Katheryn mȳn advocates, and my body to be buried, if I die in Wells, in the parisshe church there as nigh the altar of S. Katheryn as possible. To the cathedral church of S. Andrew of Wells 20*s.* To the parish church of S. Cuthbert and to the use of the high altar there a newe Tablement which I have ordeined thither for to come, if it shall please God, if non suche come according to my ordeinance my bequest to be of none effecte. To every other altar in the said church 12*d.* To my curate, master Vicar there for my tithes forgoten 20*s.* To my gostely father Sir Robert Carter to pray for my soule 40*s.* To the newe close of Wells £10. To the newe college of S. Anne in Wells 100*s.* To the house of S. John Baptist of Wells 100*s.* I will £10 be distributed among poore people on the day of my burying, in the church or churchyard of S. Cuthbert's. To Isabell my wife a cup that was Maister Cominars, a cup with an egle in the toppe and 3 in the fote and all the parell of hir body, 4 fedur beddes, £200 in ready money with my purchases of Congresbury and my purchase of S. John's in Wells, that is, a tuckyngmylle at Keward,[1] my close next to Richard Smyth's *als.* Cleman with the tenement in Sadiller Strete wherein Isabell Robyns *als.* Sadler dwellyth. And after her the above to remayn to William my son. Also to my wife 3½ brode yerdis of sadd murrey clothe. To John Welshote my son 100 marcs, my scarlett gowne, my best doblett, jakett, velvet typet and powch, my bedis of amubir gawdid with silver and enameled, a cup that was Maister Tilars, a goblet which John Coper had, a fetherbed,

[1] Kelly's *Directory of Somerset* (1902) gives under Wells—Fry, John Samuel, corn miller (water), Keward mill.

a bolster of fethers, twoo pilowes, twoo towys, a paire of fustianes, a coverlete which was Bishop Tynense', a scarlett hodd furred with Minyver, a garnysh of pewter vessell, a lytull pott of silver with a white lyon on the cover, a gilt spone with an ymage of Seint Antonye, a gold ring with a T and crowne over it, with the signe which is in the velvet powch, also 5 yerdes of sadd murrey cloth for a gowne and hood and 5 brode yerdes of tawnye clothe for to make hym a black gowne and hood. To Julyan my doughter £100, a silver salt, a cupp bought at Taunton, a nutt which was Maister Grenes, a garnyssh of pewter vessells, 2 fetherbeddes, 2 paire of shetes a paire of fustians, a paire of wollen blanketts, 2 bolsters, 2 pillowes with two towys, a coverlet which was bought at Taunton, a silver spone with an image of Saint Pawle, a cup which was maistres Draper's, my gowne of beawte colour and two brode yerdes of sadd murrey (clothe). To William my sonne a cupp that was maistre Comynars, £100 and £6 13*s.* 4*d.* to by a salt and nutte, also a cupp with cover having in the boton the figure of a man with a bowe shotyng an arowe in to a well, a garnyshe of pewter vessells, a paire of fustians, 4 fetherbeds with almaner of apparell longing to them. To the same William my son all my londs free and purchased, except my house and land in the parisshe of Wedmore which I have given to the maister of the towne of Welles for the yere beyng and to the cominalte of the same to the mayntenance of a yerely obite. And I will that Isabell my wife and William my son my executors have the residue of my lands fynding an honest secular prest to syng and pray at the aulter of S. Erasme in the church of S. Cuthbert yerely until the some of £120 be paid to the said prest quarterly after the rate of the yerely stipende of 8 marcs. To the said William my son a lytell powch covered with velvet worne with double rynges of silver and overgylted, my jakett of chamlett, my violett gowne grayned, furred with black shanks, my gowne furred with fox, 3 cofers oon stondeth at my beede-side, another of Sypres at my beddes feete, the thryde is a long cofer and stondith in the right hande of the enteryng in to my chamber where I lye, my counterbord in the same chamber and 2 broode yerdis of sadd murrey clothe. To the maister of the citie of Wells and to the cominalte of the same my house and lands in

Wedmore which Nicholas Pederham holdythe to the mayntenance of a yerely obite in the parisshe church of Seint Cuthbert's and to the vicar there present 6*d.*, to every preest likewise 4*d.*, to every clerke lykewise 2*d.* To the maister of the Towne being present 12*d.*, to the belman 1*d.*, to the churchwardens for 4 tapers 4*d.* and to the poore of the Almeshouse of Wells 12*d.*, the portions of those absent being disposed in almes among poore people by the discrecion of the maister of the towne for the tyme being. And if the maister and cominalte kepe not the obite as above then I will the prior and convent of S. John's in Welles entre into the said house and lands keping the obite in their church, the prior being present having 6*d.*, ever broder prest 4*d.*, every novice 2*d.*, the belman 1*d.*, and the poore of the Almeshouse 12*d.*, for the wast of 4 tapers, 4*d.* And to kepe the said obit I will a paire of Indentures be made by my executors specifying the said ordinance oon with the Maister and Cominalte, the other with the Prior and Convent. Moreover I will my executors fynde an honest secular prest to syng for a hole yere at the aulter of the Blessed Virgin Seint Katheryn in the church of S. Cuthbert paying him 6 marcs quarterly for his stipend. To my sister Alice Stryde 10*d.* To John Goldewyche my servant 20*d.* beside his wages, and 3½ brode yerdis of brode tawny clothe. To Johan Hooper my cosyn 40*s.* To Agnes Richardes my syster's daughter £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Waulter Stryde 4 brode yerdis of tawny clothe. To John Jones my servant 40*s.* and 4½ brode yerdis of tawny clothe. I forgyve Robert Bracy late my servant all detts he owes me, and besides that I give him 4 brode yerdis of black clothe for a gowne. Also I forgyve Thomas Colson and Christopher Yong all detts owed to me and I give them the same. To John Hyckes of Chewe 4 brode yerdes of black clothe for a gowne. To Welthian More 3 brode yerdes of black clothe. I forgyve Richard Clode, Thomas Hayne, John Bonar all detts owed to me and to John Bonar 4½ brode yerdes of murrey clothe and my gray gilding. To John Coke of London marchante tailor 4½ brode yerdes of sadd murrey clothe and to Sir John Orchard 5 ditto. The residue of the said murrey clothe to be kytte into Typpetts. Furthermore if my daughter Julian decease before mariage, my bequests to hir to remayn to William my son and if he die my bequests to

him to be divided into 3 parts, to Isabell my wif, to John my son and Julian my doughter, preserving my lands to my next heire, he paying quarterly to the prest singing at the aulter of S. Erasmys 26*s.* 8*d.* My wif to have the house she dwellith in as long as she lives sole until William my son have power to inhabit the same. The residue to Isabell my wife and William my son, my executors. Overseers: Sir John Orchard, preste, John Coke of London, marchante tailor, and John Bonar of Wells, and to each £10. The said John Coke and John Bonar to stand instead of my son William until he be of age to act as executor. Yeven at Wells, the day and yere above.

Witnesses: Sir John Gy and Sir Henry Lovell, prestes, and Robert Bekham of the diocese of Norwich notary papall.

Proved at Lambeth, June 16th, 1519.

1519. ALICE PARYS.

[27 Ayloffe.]

May 31st, 1519. Alice Parys widow of Charde, my body to be buried in the church of Charde. Fabric of the church of Wells 8*d.* Church of Chard 10*s.* Service of B.M. of Charde 6*s.* 8*d.* Service of St. Katerine there 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Cherdstock 6*s.* 8*d.* Vicar of Cherdstock for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* Thomas Pares my servant 6 oxen one plough with all appurtenances and 20 ewes and 20 wethers one bed complete between the said Thomas and Joan his sister 6 silver spoons and one brass pot. Joan my servant my best girdle and best beads and one pan to the measure of a bushel 3 cows 40 sheep 20 bushels of corn 8 bushels of malt. To each of my godchildren one ewe. Thomas Swayne 100 wethers. Richard Skorche 2 cows. Church of Thornecombe 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Uplyme 6*s.* 8*d.* Peter Mores one heifer. Sir John White 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: John Parys *als.* Courte my son (executor).

Overseers: Wm. Walrond Esquire, to whom 6*s.* 8*d.* and Thomas Swayne.

Witnesses: Sir John White, clerk, James Livell, clerk, Sir John Clappe, Thomas Wardall, John Selwood, John Bruer.

Proved March 10th, 1519.

1519. JOHN JOYCE.

[21 Ayloffe.]

August 26th, 1519. John Joyce, the elder of Corscombe [Croscombe] clothier, in the countie of Somerset, my body to be buried in the church of Corscombe at the chauncell Doore by the corpus of Alice late my wife on whos soule Jhu have mercy. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the high aulter of the parissh church of Corscombe for my thithes and offerings forgoten 3*s.* 4*d.* To the high aulter of Dyndre 20*d.* To the mayntyñce of the body of the churche there 20*d.* To the parisshe church of Pulton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the chapell of Wutton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the charterhouse of Witham 6*s.* 8*d.* To the charterhouse of Henton 6*s.* 8*d.* To every place of the foure orders of friars of Bristow 20*s.* To the college of Seint Anne sett in the Mountry Lane of Wells 10*s.* To my brother William Joyce a lyned gowne. To everych of our godchildern 12*d.* To every chauntery preest of Corscombe 3*s.* 4*d.* To Margarete my wif £100. To Elisabeth my doughter the wif of John Mores my second best panne, my second best crocke and 20 shepe. To John my son £40 sterling. To every of my foure other childern £20 to be delivered to my sons at the age of 20 yeres and to my doughters at their mariage, and if any die their part to be devided at the discrecion of Margaret my wife their moder. The residue to Margaret my wife and executrice.

Overseers: William Goodeall and Morgan Phylipp, each having 6*s.* 8*d.* for their labor. Yeven at Corscombe the day and yere abovesaid.

Witnesses: Maister John Edmunds, clerke, Chanon recidensarye of Wells, Henry Cornysshe Burges of Wells, Syr John Yaa, prest curate of Corscombe, Richard Buckland, John Philipps and John Mors the yonger. Witness by me John Joyce hereunto desired and required.

Proved at Lambeth, September 19th, 1519.

1519. JOHN THYKK.

[25 Ayloffe.]

November 3rd, 1519. John Thykk of Bayford, my body to be buried in the church of St. Lawrence of Cooklyngton. To

the mother church of Wells 16*d.* Church of Stoke Trister 20*d.* To each of my children 2 heifers. Margery my servant one heifer. John my servant 3*s.* 4*d.* John Thikke my brother 3*s.* 4*d.* To each of my sisters one sheep. Joan Marchell one sheep, each godchild 4*d.* My father 6*s.* 8*d.* My mother 6*s.* 8*d.* John Bowe one tunic. Richard Dier one tunic. To my son Thomas one house in the town of Wilcolten [Wincanton].

Residue: Joan my wife and John my son (executors).

Overseers: Richard Thykke my brother, Thomas Wilton and William Prest.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Plemley, rector of Stoke Trister, Richard Thikk, Thomas Wilton, Wm. Prest and Richard Jacobe.

Proved February 10th, 1519.

1519. THOMAS LAWNDER.

[24 Ayloffe.]

December 7th, 1519. Thomas Lawnder of Pensforde in the parish of Publoo, my body to be buried in the parish church of Publoo. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Sir Geoffrey, curate of Publoo 12*d.* John Lawnder my best gown, my best doublet and my best bombicinum, anglice "jakett." Joan Priston a pot containing 3 gallons, a pan containing 8 gallons my best bed called "flokkbed" and a pair of sheets. Agnes Fleger that bed with all its belongings in which she sleeps and one small pot. William Lawnder one goblet of silver called "a pownce pece of silver." Parish church of All Saints of Publoo, and the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr of Pensforde one "pipe de Woode."

Residue: Thomas Afourede (executor).

Witnesses: Sir Geoffrey curate of Publoo, John Mortimer and Walter Stevyns.

Proved January 13th, 1519.

1519. JOHN CATCOTE.

[27 Ayloffe.]

January 7th, 1519. John Catcote of Shepton Malet, my body to be buried before the altar of B.M.V. in the church of St. Peter of Sheppton. Mother church of Wells 8*d.* The four lights of

the said church 2*s.* 8*d.* To the bells 20*d.* To the said church to have my name put in the missal 3*s.* 4*d.* To the high altar for tithes forgotten 4*s.* Sir John Catcote my son 10*s.* Agnes Pitt my daughter 13*s.* 4*d.* Alice Borne 10*s.* Joan Fitz-james my daughter 10*s.* John Catcote senior 6*s.* 8*d.* John Catcote junior 6*s.* 8*d.* William Catcote junior 6*s.* 8*d.* For a suitable priest to pray and celebrate for my soul for one year £6. For the repair of the church of Upton 3*s.* 4*d.* Thomas Catcote my brother 3*s.* 4*d.* Margery Pitt 12*d.* and Robert Pytt 12*d.*

Residue: Katherine my wife and Wm. Catcote my son (executors).

Overseers: Sir John Catcote and John Borne, Esquire, to whom for his labour 6*s.* 8*d.*

Proved March 16th, 1519.

1519. ROGER MORRYS.

[24 Ayloffe.]

January 9th, 1519. Roger Morrys of Corscombe [Croscombe] in the countie of Somerset clothier, my body to be buried in the chauncell of Corscombe before Our Lady. To the cathedral church of Seint Andrew of Wells 12*d.* To the highe aulter of Corscombe for tythes and oblacions forgoten 20*d.* To the chauntery of Corscombe 20*s.* to pray for my soule and the soules of my twoo wifes Johanna and Agnes. To the curate of Corscombe 12*d.* To my sonne John Morres a blewe gowne. To my elder doughter Johanna Bokeland 20*d.* To Johanna my yonger doughter a dozen silver spones, and oon of that dosen spones is broken that is of another sorte, and a maser with a rose in the bothome and a flocke-bedde complete with tester and siler and 6 coshens, and half the peauter and brasse that was myne before the mariage of me and Agnes my wife, and a tabill borde such oon as pleysith Agnes my wif to deliver to hir. To Agnes my wife 3 quarters of Wood and a clothe. The residue to Agnes my wife and executrix.

Proved at Lambeth, February 17th, 1519.

1519. PHILIP BYSSE.

[26 Ayloffe.]

January 18th, 1519. Philip Bysse, my body to be buried in the parish church of Stoke Myghell before the altar of B.M. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Church of Stoke my best gown. Richard Bisse my second gown. Simon Brice my third gown. John Toms another gown. Joan my wife my bed with its belongings. James Bisse my nephew all the right and title, and term of my years which I have in that tenement in Lee super Mendepe called "Alford-place" with all the lands closes meadows, etc., with mountain land and other appurtenances which I have of the lease (*dimissione*) of William Carrant Esquire and all my charter to have and to hold to the said James and his assigns for ever.

Residue: John Bisse my elder son and James Bisse (executors).

Proved May 14th, 1520.

1519. WILLIAM BURGIS.

[25 Ayloffe.]

February 10th, 1519. William Burgis, clerk, rector of Chesilborowgh. My body to be buried within the chancel of the Apostles Peter and Paul of the church of Chesilborowgh. Church of Wells 8*d.* Church of Chesilborowgh 20*s.* Chapel of B.M.V. of West Chinnoke 5*s.* Church of Northam sub Hamdon 3*s.* 4*d.* Master Giles Stranguishe Esquire my cup of silver and gilt with a cover. Master vicar of Myryatt 6*s.* 8*d.* To the same for injury done 5*s.* Sir Thomas Burges my cousin six books to be chosen by him, and two best gowns my best tunic of worsted and my best doublet of worsted and my "*collipendium*"[1] of sarcinett and my best "*collipendium*" of welvet. Sir Nicholas Langdon 6*s.* 8*d.* Sir John Watt 6*s.* 8*d.* and my gown of muster de viles. The fraternity of Stoke St. Gegory 20*s.* and one ox of two years and all the goods which Alice Spyryge my cousin left in my custody. John Bruges my cousin 20*s.* my plough with its belongings one bed at the will of Master Stranguishe and enough wood for a new plough, one ox of three years and half of the goods belong-

[1] Tippet, sometimes called *liripipium*. See Walcott's *Sacred Archæology*, p. 577.

ing to the kitchen with my best pan. Richard Millard 3*s.* 4*d.* I owe him for geese bought 14*d.* William Myllard 3*s.* 4*d.* Thomas Newton 3*s.* 4*d.* Robert Willis one ox of three years. Joan Whytbrede 6*s.* 8*d.* Wm. Whytbrede 6*s.* 8*d.* John Hoggis 4 marks. Wm. Brown 4 marks for his labour about my burial.

Residue: Master Stranguishe (executor).

Witnesses: John Hoggs, William Brown, Guy Ardron, John Willis, Thomas Whytbrede.

Proved at Lambeth, August 27th, 1519.

1520. RICHARD HOLMEDE.

[32 Ayloffe.]

August 25th, 1520. Richard Holmede, of Bruton, tucker, and of the diocese of Bath and Wellis. My body to bee buryed within the parisshe churche of Bruton in the southe ile by the founte. To our moder churche of Wellis 20*d.* To the making of the bellis in the saide parisshe churche 20*s.* To the same for my buriall, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the fraternytye of Our Ladye in the saide churche a grinding stone. To the Abbot of the monastery of Bruton 6*s.* 8*d.* To every of his brothers 4*d.* To Mãg. Prior of Turbrigge, (*sic*) 10*s.* To the Augustyne Friers of Bristoll 2*s.* 6*d.* To the whyte fryers there 2*s.* 6*d.* To the Fryors of Evelchester 2*s.* 6*d.* To the friers of Bridgewater 2*s.* 6*d.* To Cristian, my doughter, iiij peyres of Tuckers sheris, vi platters, six podingers and six sawceres, too crockes, a basyn, a laver of brasse, a chafing-disshe, iiij candelstyckes, a new flock bed, too harnes gyrdells oon is a sangwyn corse with gilte harnes and the other is a blew corse with whyte harneyis ungilte, ten poundis in moneye. To William Blakmore the best apparell that longith to my bodye as my best gowne, my beste doublet, my best sherte, my best hosyn, and my beste cappe, and xv bushells of Barly. To John Faile, the elder, my secunde beste gowne. To Symond Holmede, my brother, a gowne and a cote. To Thomas Stary my beste cote.

The residue to Isabell, my wif, whiche Isabell I make my executrix with the supervision of Styphen Chyke and Willm̃ Smyth, Sir William Clement with other moo.

Dated the day and yere abovesaid.

Proved at Lambeth, October 3rd, 1520.

1520. THOMAS TUTT.

[6 MAINWARING.]

January 20th, 1520. Thomas Tutt. My body to be buried in the church of St. John the Baptist of Frome. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the church of Frome 20*s.* To the high cross 1 lb. of wax. To the high altar and to the altars of the Blessed Mary and St. Andrew, to each of them, one sheet. To the church of Warmyster, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Walfrinton [Wolverton] 6*s.* 8*d.* To the churches of Buklond and Lolington 20*d.* (each). To each of my godsons 4*d.* To my son, Thomas Tutt, 40*s.* To William, my son, £5. To John Tutt, my son, £5. To Robert, my son, £5. To Alice, my daughter, £10. To the House of Charterhowse Wytham 20*s.* To the House of Charterhowse Henton 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Catcott 20*s.*; that they may be friendly to my wife.

Residue: To Alice, my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Master John Taylor, vicar, Sir Richard Asshe, William Catcott, and William Tutgay.

Proved at Lambeth, March 16th, 1520.

1520. RICHARD GORNEY.

[16 MAYNWARING.]

February 25th, 1520. Richard Gorney, my body to be buried in the yle of Our Lady within the parissh churche of Cory Malett. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the church of Corymalet 3*s.* 4*d.* yerely for six years to the maintenance of the church warkes as my mynde was shuld there be done. To the chapell of St. James for six yeres 20*d.*, so that it be served accordingly. To each of my godchildern 4*d.* To my welbeloved wife, Edith Gorney, myn astate of all my lands and tenements in Somerset, which be enfeoffed and wherof are seased, Henry Thornton, Esq., Marmaduke Mauncell, Esq., Thomas Dekyn, preist, and Richard Bawman, to the use of Edithe, my wife, and to my children as follows. After my wife's deth my youngest son, Richard Gorney, godson to Richard Osgood and John Saunders, of Bruggewater, merchaunte, to have all my lands to him and to his heires in fee for ever-

more, and for default of issue to Alexander Gorney, my son, and in default of issue to him, to my son, Henry Gorney, and in default of issue to him, to my son, Thomas Gorney, and in default of issue of his, to John Gorney, and in default of issue of him, to Richard Gorney, my eldest son, and after his decesse to my doughters in generall and their heires. And if my goods cannot fulfil my legacies and pay my detts, my wife, Edith, to sell part of my lands.

The residue to Edithe, my wife and executrix.

Overseer: Philippe Fullford, Esq., and to him 20*s.* To Henry Thornton, Esq., 20*s.* To Sir Thomas Dekyn, priest, and Richard Bawman 6*s.* 8*d.* each; to be good to my wife and to help her in her nedes.

Witnesses: John Sawnders and Richard Peverell.

Proved at Lambeth, October 30th, 1521.

1520. JAMES GOLDE.

[16 Jankyn.]

March 1st, 1520. James Golde. My body to holy burial. To the cathedral church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high altar of the parish church of Crokern 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Fraternity of the Holy Trinity of Crokern 6*s.* 8*d.* To the chapel of Seborough 6*s.* 8*d.* To the chapel of Mysterton 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of North Perott 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Hasylbere 6*s.* 8*d.* To each of the churches of the name of Chynock within the deanery of Yvelchester 6*s.* 8*d.* To the six sons of John Hayball, of Crokern, 20*s.* each.

Residue to my wife, Margaret Golde, of Seborough, and Sir John Criche, clerk (supervisors).

Witnesses: Sir John Criche, Sir John Webbe, John Brownyng, Thomas Prynce.

Proved at Lambeth, March 16th, 1530.

1521. JOHN CARTER.

[22 Porch.]

March 26th, 1521. John Carter, the elder, of Corscombe, in the county of Somerset, clothier. My body to be buried if I decesse in Corscombe in the yelde or gilde of holy St. Anne

under the foot of hir image in the parish church there. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the high awter of the parish church of Corscombe, in recompense of my tithyngs forgotten, 3*s.* 4*d.* I remitte to John Carter, my sonne, £6, which he oweth unto me upon rekenyng. Edmonde Carter, my sonne, £20, a pipe of woode, a standing cupp of silver with a cover, and six silver spones of my mark, which are to be delivered to him after the decease of his mother. To Maister Richard Carter, my sonne, to pray for my soul and all Christian soules £6 13*s.* 4*d.* I remitte to Owyne Porter £30, which he doth owe unto me. To Joane, my doughter, his wife, a standing cupp of silver with a cover, and 6 silver spones of my marke after the death of her mother. To every child of the said Owyne and Joane 40*s.* Emme Carter, my sonne William Carter's doughter, 40*s.* My godsonne, John Carter, 40*s.* Joane Cooke, my doughter, my standing cup of silver and gilt with a cover and six silver spones of Champion's mark, after hir moder's death, and to every child of the same Joane Cook 40*s.* To every of the children of my doughter Emme deceased 40*s.*

Residue: Joane, my wife (executrix).

Overseers: My sons-in-law, John Cook and Owyne Porter (each £10).

Witnesses: I have sett my seale.

Present: Maister Thomas Roger, notary papall, maker herof, Richard Mowill, Edward Wyndesore, of Corscombe, aforesaid.

Proved April 11th, 1527.

1521. RICHARD QUARRE.

[14 Mainwaring.]

June 26th, 1521. Richard Quarre. My body to be buried in holy grave. Mother church of Wells 12*d.* The four lights of the church of St. Peter, of Shepton Malet, 8*d.* The bells of the same church 4*d.* To have my name placed on the missal 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Margaret Quarre, my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir John Michell, William Smythe.

Proved August 23rd, 1521.

1521. MARGARET QUARRE.

[14 Mainwaring.]

June 27th, 1521. Margaret Quarre. My body to holy burial. To the mother church of St. Andrew of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To place my name in the missal 3*s.* 4*d.* To the fraternity of the Blessed Mary of Shepton to pray for my soul for ever 6*s.* 8*d.* To the bells there 6*d.* To the four lights 8*d.* To St. Mary at the font my wedding ring. To the fraternity of the Blessed Mary a sheet. To Thomas Cockis, my brother, 20*s.* To John Cockis, my brother, 20*s.* To my said brothers in equal portions all wearing apparell not bequeathed, both mine and that of my former husband.

Residue: to John Quarre, Thomas Quarre, Alice Quarre, and Agnes Quarre, my sons and daughters (executors). I entrust my said brothers, Thomas Cockis and John Cockis, with the custody of them and their goods and legacies until they come to lawful age.

Overseer: Master Thomas Strowde (to whom 3*s.* 4*d.*).

Witnesses: Sir John Michell, William Smyth.

Proved August 23rd, 1521.

1521. JOHN PORTMAN.

[16 Maynwaring.]

July 1st, 1521. 8 Hen. VIII. John Portman. My body to be buried in the church of the Priory in Taunton before the high cross, nigh the pulpit, if I die at Orchard or within three myle of Taunton, and if at any other place in the parish church there before the high cross. My detts to be paid. To Nethway £12. To the executors of Roger Newborough £5. To the mother church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the priory church of Taunton 20*s.* And to the prior 20*s.* To the persone of Orchard for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Orchard toward the making of the Tower 40*s.* To the church of St. Mary Magdalen in Taunton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of St. James there 3*s.* 4*d.* To the gyle [gaol] of Northcorey 10*s.* To my doughter 100 marke. To my son, John, £10. To my son Leonard £10, to fynde hym to scoole if he will be a preest. I

will all my legacies and detts be paid of the issues and profits of all my lands and tenements except those reserved to my wife and to my son's wife to their joynters. To my wife my ferme at Pymperne in the countie of Dorset with all the shepe there duryng myn interest in the same ferme.

The residue to my said wife and to my son, William Portman, my executors.

Overseer: the Prior of Taunton.

Proved at Lambeth, October 30th, 1521.

1521. JOHN YNG.

[14 Mainwaring.]

July 18th, 1521. John Yng of Shepton Malett. My body to be buried in the church of St. Peter of Shepton Malet before the altar of St. John Baptist. Mother church of Wells 12*d.* Rector for tithes forgotten 20*d.* Four lights of the said church 16*d.* The bells there 12*d.* Sir John Michell curate 12*d.* Each of my godchildren 4*d.* Each of my six children £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Alice my wife (executrix).

Overseer: John Bokelond, to whom 6*s.* 8*d.*

Witnesses: Edmund Champion, John Hill.

Proved August 23rd, 1521.

1521. THOMAS HALL.

[17 Mainwaring.]

August 9th, 1521. Thomas Hall of Chew. My body to be buried in the chapel of B.M. of Chew. Mother church of Wells 12*d.* High altar of Chew 12*d.* Church of Chew 20*s.* Chapel of B.M. of Chew 20*s.* Alice my wife £20. John at Hall my son £6 13*s.* 4*d.* Joan Olyver my daughter £6. Sir John Barry 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Thomas at Hall my son (executor).

Witnesses: Sir John Barry, curate, John Storow.

Proved October 8th, 1521.

1521. WILLIAM BOWRE.

[18 MAINWARING.]

August 26th, 1521. William Bowre. My body to be buried in the church of Saint Andrew of Mellis. To Seynt Andrew of Wellis 5*s*. To the churche of Mellis £4. To Our Lady of Mellis £3. To my iij children £60, yf so be that eny of them die, that childis part to remayne to them that be alive. And if they all departe, the hole money to be gevyn ·to a preste to saie masse for me and them in Mellis churche as the mony will extende. To a preste a yere £6. At my burying and at four wekis £14. To my wife £40 and half my housholde and to my childern the other half. To every one of them a cup with a cover. And I wolde that my wife chese first and every child chese after as thei be in age. To my goostly father Sir Stephen Edmondis 6*s*. 8*d*. To Petronyll Folyat two oxen. To every of my godchildern 12*d*. I make Robert Bower, Thomas Molon and John Style supervisors, and I bequeth to them iij for their labor £15. I make my iij childern, executors. Witness, Sir Stephen Edmondis, preste, Henry Plesans, John Pary, and Thomas Coolis.

Proved at Lambeth, November 23rd, 1521.

GILES BENET.

[19 MAYNWARING.]

November 5th, 1521. Giles Benet. My body to be buried in the church of St. John Baptist of Yevell at the door of the choir. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d*. High altar of the church of St. John Baptist of Yevyll for tithes forgotten 6*s*. 8*d*. To the said church and to the common memory of souls 20*s*. To a suitable priest to celebrate in the said church for one whole year for my soul and for my friends and benefactors 10 marks, and I will that the said priest be present at all divine offices in the same church in his surplice to help as other chantry priests in the same church are wont to do. To each priest in the said church for my exequies and burial 12*d*. Elisabeth Horsey wife of John Horsey senior to pray for my soul 20*s*. Giles Horsey my godson 20*s*. Giles Benet my godson 20*s*. Giles Wynter my

godson 20*s.* Alexander my elder son twenty sheep. Robert Hale 20 sheep. Robert Rugge my servant 6*s.* 8*d.* John Mershe 3*s.* 4*d.* Master Burnell and his wife 20*s.* To each godson unmarried one sheep viz., a yewe. Giles Grene my godson 20*s.* Agnes Hale wife of Robert Hale 20*s.* John Hale son of the said Robert Hale 20*s.* Said Robert Hale my black horse. William Rugge my servant 6*s.* 8*d.* Elen my servant 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Edith my wife and William my younger son (executors).

Overseer: Master John Horsey, senior, to him 20*s.*

Witnesses: Master William Forde, vicar, Thomas Stalbrige, Alexander Benet.

Proved December 4th, 1521.

1522. WILLIAM LORD STOURTON, KNT.

[17 Bodfelde.]

Friday after the feast of Corpus Christi, 1522. William Stourton, Lord Stourton knight. My body to be buried in the new chapel of the B.V.M. in the church of St. Peter of Stourton. To the mother church of Sarum 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Friars Preachers of Sarum 10*s.* To each of my servants (*generosi*) 20*s.* and of my valets 13*s.* 4*d.* To William Ratclyff my chaplain 20*s.*, and to John, chaplain, 20*s.* To William Hertgill 100*s.* To Robert Nonne 20*s.* To John Cokill 20*s.* To Christopher Stourton esquire 20 marks.

Residue: To Edward Stourton esquire my brother, and to William his son and heir (executors).

Witnesses: John Sylley rector of Stourton, William Ratclyff, William Hertgill, Robert Nonne, John Cokull.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, March 16th, 1523.

1522. WILLIAM ROWSEWILL.

[1 Bodfelde.]

September 20th, 1522. William Rowsewill. My body to be buried in the church of Hylffarens. To our moder church of Wellys 6*d.* To the church of Hylffarens 13*s.* 4*d.* To the

churche of Oke 6*s.* 8*d.* To Alice, Johane, and Alice my doughters £10 a pece yf they be not maried or otherwise sett furthe by my tyme and to Mawde 5 marc in like maner, and to Johane Whitknyt 6*s.* 8*d.* And to mãg Harry £20, to kepe hym to his lernyng, and to Adam half the detts of Cornewall, and to John my yonge sonne my free londe at Mowrbat [Morebath] and Bere of that I bought of Salter after me and my wife. To Sir John 6*s.* 8*d.* a yere for the tyme of Sir John lyfe for his bequest. To Sir Robert my curat 3*s.* 4*d.* for to pray for me. To John my yong sonne my fflok of Oterford with his appurtenances.

The residue to Sir John my son and Johane my wife, my executors.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Chesterton. William Whitknyt, William Hyll and William Comer.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, January 14th, 1522.

1522. GEORGE SYDENHAM.

[16 Bodfelde.]

October 11th, 1522. George Sydenham. My soul to Almighty God, the Blessed Mary and St. John the Evangelist my patron and my body to be buried in the cathedral church of Sarum if it can be conveniently done. For my burial, if the chapter permit it there 20*s.*, but if not, I will my body be buried in the house of the Friars Minors and the said 20*s.* given to them. To the mother church of Sarum if I am buried there, £13 for intercessions and prayers to be had in the nave of the church there as the custom is, but if not the said sum shall be distributed among the poor. To the churches of Ardington, Creche and Byrfford 40*s.* each. To a suitable chaplain to celebrate for one year for my soul and my parents' souls 8 marks.

Residue: John Sydenham of the parish of Creche and William Sydenham of Taunton (executors).

Overseer: John Sydenham of Brympton.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, January 22nd, 1523.

1522. ROBERT HONYWODE.

[2 Bodfelde.]

December 25th, 1522. Robert Honywode, Archdiacon of Bath and chanon of the King's College of Wynnessore. My body to be buried in the chapell where the Duchesse of Exceter lieth buried in the College of Wynnessore by the awter. At the day of my burying to Maister Dean if he be present 6*s.* 8*d.* To every chanon present 3*s.* 4*d.* To every petycanon present 2*s.* To every vicar and chauntry prest 20*d.* To every clerk 12*d.* To every chorister 4*d.*, so that the Dean and chanons and other ministers sing placebo with dirige and masse of Requiem for my soule and all those for whom I am bound to pray. As soon as possible after the day of my sepulture 1,000 masses to be done and caused to be said by my executors satisfactorie for my soule and mãg James Goldwell' soul and all christian soules. At the day of my burying £20 to be disposed among pour people, *i.e.*, to every pour housholder 20*d.* and to every other pour body 4*d.* At the day of my trigintall I will there be done and sung "placebo" and "dirige," with masse of requiem by the Dean and other ministers, having for their labour as at my burial. To each of myn executors a blak gowne. To each of my servants a blake gown. To 8 pour men to bere 8 torches a blak gowne to each. To the college of the chapell in the felds in Norwiche 40*s.* To the Dean of the same college if he be present 20*d.* To every preest there in the same college 12*d.* To the Coristers there 20*d.*, so that they sing "placebo" and "dirige" with masse of requiem for my soule and the soule of mãg James Goldwell. To the Abbes of Burnham 6*s.* 8*d.* To every nonne there 3*s.* 4*d.* so that, at the day of my burying, at the day of the moneth and oons in every week between both, they say "placebo" and "dirige" with comendacions, and every day during the moneth the third part of Our Ladie sawlter for my soule. To Maister Provost of the college of Eton 6*s.* 8*d.* To every fellowe there 5*s.* To every chapleyn there 20*d.* and to every clerk 12*d.* so that they sing "placebo" and "dirige" with masse of requiem at the day of my burying. To the sub-chaunter of Wynnessore for his diligence in the day of my burying 6*s.* 8*d.* To each of my servants 20*s.* and the horse they

be wont to ryde on, or else the price of the same horse. To master Orchard 40*s*. To my chapelyn Sir Edmond 40*s*., and the horse he usith to ryde on. To each of my servants a quarter's wages after the rate of the yere. To Sir John Mundy 40*s*., a blak gown, a quarter's comons in the newe Comons and my newe portius. To master Orchard my servant, a fetherbed. All my lands that I have purchased in the parish of Clewre and in Estburneham I bequeth as follows :—My house and land in the parish of Clewre to the college of All Sowles in Oxford, for which I will the wardeyn and felowes there celebrate an anniversary for my soule perpetually, for which I will they have on the day of the anniversary, of the rents of my land at Clewre every man after the rate according to the discretion of the Wardeyn and the more part of the company there. I will my executors make sale of my house and land in Est Burneham and make the moost that they can of it, and dispose it for my soule as they think most pleasing to God. The residue to be disposed in virtuous dedes and charitable werkes of mercy and pitie according to the discretion of my executors. And I make my executors Master John Chambr̃ Deane of the College of St. Stevyns at Westmyster, my brother Master John Honywode, Master Robert Wodford, Master William Wyneyard, Sir Edmonde Woodfende and Sir John Barrat and to each of them £3 6*s*. 8*d*. Supervisor, Master John Hales, one of the Barons of Thexchequier and to him £3 6*s*. 8*d*. In witness wherof I have set my signet.

Witnesses: Sir John Mundy prest, Maister Orchard, Thomas Philippis, Thomas Trubschawe.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, February 26th, 1522.

1522. HENRY PAUNSCEFOTE.

[2 Bodfelde.]

January 1st, 1522, 12 Henry VIII. I, Henry Paunscefote of Fulleston St. Petyr in the countie of Wiltes gentilman, make by goode advisement hole, without any bodely sykenes and with my right mynde, not vexed ne troubled as for this present tyme with no thinge that shuld lett me to sett my mynde to this occupacion which with Our Lorde's mercy I purpose to take in hande, and

that is, to make my testament and lest will, to thentent that when my bodely sykenes or deth cometh unto me of Our Lord's sonde, that I may take it in pacience and attende to dye and not to be troubled ne vexed with the worlde in nothinge, but only attende the will of Our Lord Jhu Crist and salvacion of my soule, for many causes that moveth me. My soul to Almighty God, Our Lord Jhu Crist the which sufferid his precious passion for Our Redempcion and to Our Blissid Lady the Moder of Jhu Crist, most pure chast chosyn virgyn, and to my goode Angell the which Our Lord ordeyned to have the conduyte and guyding of my soule . . , and my body to be buried in church or churchyard where I die. I will if Alice my wif or my exörs cannot, 4 years after my decesse, purchase lands and tenements in Somerset or Wiltes to the yearly value of 10*s.* and finish my father's chauntrye, Sir Walter Paunscefote knt. in Compton Paunscefote in Somerset, wherfor £10 was delivered unto me by Mary Baunfelde widow, executrice of the testament of Petyr Baunfelde then the said £10 to be given by my wife or my exörs to John Brent of Cosington esq., John Whiting of Woode esq. and they to purchase lands to the yerely value of 10*s.* for the performance of the said Chaunterye according to the will of the said Petyr Baunfelde. Also my wife within two years after my decease to bestow £4 on such ornaments as be most nedeful for the chauntrye, which £4 with 13*s.* 4*d.* by me paid for the expenses in the Lawe for the defense of lands called Sydenham's lands in Shaftesbury, parcell of the said chauntery lands ageynst one Sydenham, I receyved a fyne. To Margery my doughter to hir preferment in mariage 100 marcs so that she be ruled and guyded in hir mariage by my wife or overseers and take noo husbond without her assent. And yf she do contrary, to have no peny of my goodes, but the 100 marcs to be then bestowed in almesdedes. To my wife Alice all my lands in Fulstone, Wylton and Quedehampton in Wiltes and in Bayford Halton Maperton and Weston Bamfeld in Somerset, for terme of hir life without impechment of waste, and after her decesse they shall remain to the second son of Margery my doughter and his heirs, and in default of issue, to Mawde Brent my nece, wife of John Brent esq., and to her heirs, of all which lands I have made a feoffment. To the grey freers in Sarum 3*s.* 4*d.* To the blak

freres 3*s.* 4*d.* to pray for my soule. To the parish of Fulstone 2 kyne. To the curat or parson there for tithes not paid 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Abbes and Covent of Wilton 10 lb. of wex. To the cathedrall church of Sarum 3*s.* 4*d.* To the monastery of Edyndon 6*s.* 8*d.* To Alice my wife my years to come in Burdensballe which I have in ferme. To every manservant in my house 20*d.* To every maiden-servant 12*d.* The residue to Alice my wife and executrice, she to order it in almes dedes or otherwise at her discrecion.

Overseers: John Brent, John Skeling and Thomas Eliot, esquiers, and to each of them 20*s.*

Proved at St. Paul's, London, January 27th, 1522.

1522. JOHN PARIS *ALS.* ACOURT.

[13 Bodfelde.]

February 27th, 1522. John Parys *alias* Acowrt of Charde. My body to be buried in the church of Charde. High altar of Charde for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* Mother church of Wellys 6*d.* Fabric of the church of Charde to be placed in the Sunday beadroll 6*s.* 8*d.* Altar of B.M. 12*d.* To each priest of the same church to pray for me 12*d.* My six children £40, viz., to each £6 13*s.* 4*d.* I will that £6 be expended on the hire of a fit priest to celebrate an anniversary for my soul. Master William Walronde esquire 10*s.* to give good counsel to my wife and children. To each godchild one sheep of two years price 12*d.*

Residue: Isabel my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Selwode, John Bowdych, William Smyth, and Robert Brangwyn.

Witnesses: Richard Antell, curate there, John Selwode.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 26th, 1523.

1523. JOHN FORDE.

[8 Bodfelde.]

March 31st, 1523. John Forde. My body to be buried in the parish church of Ilmyster in the middle of the nave before the crucifix before the door. To the high altar 6*s.* 8*d.* To the fraternity of the Holy Cross 6*s.* 8*d.* Master vicar for tithes for-

gotten 3*s.* 4*d.* Sir Thomas Michell chaplain one "*toga divissa*" furred. I will that an honest priest be hired to celebrate for 3 years for my soul having for his stipend yearly £5 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix) and after her death to Nicholas Ball.

Overseers: Master Nicholas Wadham, knight, and Master Pawlet, knight.

Witnesses: Sir John Wensly vicar there, Sir Thomas Michell, chaplain, Sir Thomas Rodberd, chaplain.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, June 11th, 1523.

1523. HENRY MILWARD.

[20 Bodfelde.]

Henry Mylward. My body to be buried in the church of B.M. of Batcombe. Cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* High altar of parish church of Batcombe 3*s.* 4*d.* Lights of the same church 5*s.* Confraternity of B.M. 20*s.* To the seven children of my son John Milward (each) 5 marks. To each godchild 12*d.*

Residue: to my wife and my son John (executors) 1523, on the second Sunday in Lent by me Cristofer Blewkowe curate of Batcombe this present testament was confirmed.

Witnesses: William Bartlet, John Millord. Also to William John and Isabel the children of the forsaid John Milward my sonne, the which beth 3 of the 7 children above named to every of them £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, the other 4 to have as apperith above £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

Proved at St. Paul's, May 13th, 1524.

1523. ROBERT BURKE.

[12 Bodfelde.]

May 13th, 1523. Robert Burke of Mynnett [Minehead] in the countie of Somerset merchaunt, my body to be buried in the church of Our Lady in Aldermanbury of London, if I die in London, or else in Christian burial where it please God. To the high altar of the parish church of Mynnet for my tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the werks of the body of the same parish church of Mynnet 40*s.* To the reparacion and amendment of the were of Mynnet 20*s.* To every of my godchildern 4*d.* To the parish

church of Temple Corona in Irelande a diaper cloth to ley upon the high awter there. To Sir John Valyantt parish prest of Aldermanbury to pray for my soule 3*s.* 4*d.* To John Parke of London bruer 3*s.* 4*d.* To Elisabeth Nycolls £6 13*s.* 4*d.* and a fetherbed, a bolstar, a pair of blanketts, a pair of shetes, a coverlet, 2 pillowes, a brasse pot, and a brasse panne. To George Nycolls her broder £5. To Cristian Nycolls hir suster £5, the part of any of these three dying, to remain to the survivors. And if all die the money to be bestowed in finding of a prest and in other charitable dedes for my soule and my frendes soules in the parish church of Mynnett. I will my executors cause an honest prest of good name and fame to syng and pray for me in the parish church of Mynnett for one year after my decesse. I will a trentall of masses be saide and songe for my soule as soon as possible after my decesse. The residue to be divided into two equal parts, one to Elisabeth my wife and the other to James Burke my son, my wife to have his part until he come to lawfull age. And if he die his part to be disposed by her in finding a prest and other works of charitie and pitie in the said church of Mynnett.

Executors: I make Elisabeth my wife and Jamys my son.

Overseers: Sir Owen Fallen, clerk, Sir James Hacket, clerk, and to each of them 20*s.*

Yeven the day and yere abovesaid.

Witnesses: Sir John Valyant clerk, Philip Nele of London, tailour, Hugh Morell of Brigewater, merchant, and John Park of London. And I pardon and forgive my son in law William Nycolls all debts and duties he owes me. This witnesseth, Walter Sowly, Baily of Mynnett, Henry Hokreche, Hugh Morell and John Park.

Proved St. Paul's, London, August 27th, 1523.

1523. ALEXANDER SYDENHAM.

[13 Bodfelde.]

June 5th, 1523. Alexander Sydnam, esquire, my body to be buried in the church of B.M. of North Petherton. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.*, and to the fabric of the church of North Petherton 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Agnes my wife, John Sydnam, senior, Silvester Sydnam and John Sydnam junior my sons (executors).

I will that Silvester Sydnam restore one chain of gold to the value of £17 to the use of George and John sons of John Sydnam, junior.

Witnesses: John Popeham "*generosus*," William Parkhous and William Reffe, clerk.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 19th, 1523.

1523. RICHARD DYER.

[13 Bodfelde.]

September 15th, 1523. Richard Dyer of Wyncaulton, my body to be buried in the church of Wyncaulton by my wife. To the mother church of Wells 8*d*. To the church of Wyncaulton for my body to lye in hit 20*s*. To the church of Stoke 10*s*. To the bretherhed of Our Lady 6*s*. 8*d*. To Staverdall for forgoten tithings 10*s*. To pray for me 3*s*. 4*d*. To the Charterhouse Wytham to have a trentall songe for me 10*s*. To Thomas White my swerde and bukler. To a preste to sing for me next yere after my deth £5, provided alwey that the said prest be an Englishman. I will that the will of my wife Johane be performed. To James my sonne and to his heirs my burgage that I dwell in, and for defaute of heires to him, to retorne to my right heires. To John my eldest son all my burgages in Wyncaulton. To Elisabeth my wife all the inner stuff of housholde that I had with her at her mariage, the wayne and catell excepted. I will she have my salt that I made, with one of hers, and all her plate. The residue to my children amongst them, by the discrecion of my two eldest sons John and John, my executors. My wife to have the burgage I dwell in as long as she liveth widow and chaste provided she suffer my children and executors to dwell in it and occupy corne and other stuff. Also to my wife 250 shepe so that she discharge my executors for the proving and costs of my testament, or els to have but 150 shepe. To her also £40. To John Awoode £6 13*s*. 4*d*. To John Lane beside his wages due, 40*s*. I will my son James, my doughters Dorothie. Alice, Cecile, and Elisabeth have £20 each on their mariage day, To Ancrete at hir mariage £6 13*s*. 4*d*. If any die before the

age of 16 years, his or hir part to be parted halfe upwarde and downward to the next of age. To my Lord chief Baron and my Lord Zouche 10*s.* each to be overseers. I will that I have penny dole at my burial and every prest to have 12*d.* To each of my executors £20. The residue to my executors. To my doughter Agnes 40*s.* and to hir husband my blue gowne furred with white lambe.

Witnesses: Alysaunder Dyer, John Alford, William Banwyll, John Hyllard and Robert Stone.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 12th, 1523.

1523. WILLIAM MEDE.

[14 Bodfelde.]

September 21st, 1523. William Mede of the parish of Corymalet husbondman, my body to be buried in the church of Alhalowes[1] in Corymalet. To the mother church of Wells 20*d.* To the high altar for tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To the chapel of S. James in Corymalet 20*d.* To Sir John Cook 20*d.* To the church of Hach Becham 20*d.* To the church of Bere Crokam 20*d.* To the church of Ile Abbotts 20*d.* I forgive all such duties as my son Robert Mede and my son-in-lawe Richard Gurney owe me. All my free lands at Coton in South Petherton which is to the sum of 26*s.* 8*d.* yearly and also my tenements at Stowy to be divided equally between my three sons Richard, John and William and to the heires of the survivor of them, provided they find a priest singing the trentall of S. Gregory for a year, as I am agreed with my gostly fader Sir Thomas Decon. The residue to my 3 sons Richard, John and William my executors, but I make my wife Johane half executrix with them if it please God she recover of her sickness, if not, they to be my whole executors.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Decon, John Gildon, Robert Mede.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 19th, 1523.

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[1] Diocesan Kalendar (1903) gives *St. James* as the dedication of Curry Malet.

1523. JOHN GILBERT.

[13 Bodfelde.]

1523. John Gylberd of West Camell, my body to be buried in the churche of the forseid Camell. To the moder church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of West Camell 13*s.* 4*d.* To John my son £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Robert my son £10. To Geffray my son £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Richard my son £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Margaret my doughter £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: to Kateryn my wife and executrix.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Shelingford, Thomas Soper and William Morys.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 26th, 1523.

1523. THOMAS WATSON.

[18 Bodfelde.]

December 22nd, 1523. Thomas Watson prest curat of Crokehorn diocese of Bath, my body to be buried within the myddest of the church of Crookehorn before the image of St. Mighell Tharchaungell. To the moder church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Crokehorn my best gowne and my surplisse, to be praid for. To the fraternitie of the Trinitie there my secunde gown. To the four ilys of the church of Burton upon Trent 26*s.* 8*d.* *i.e.* 6*s.* 8*d.* each. To my fader Henry Watson 40*s.* To my brother Peter 6*s.* 8*d.* To the blak freres of Sarum 10*s.* To the gray freres of Sarum 10*s.* To the freres of Dorchester 10*s.* and to the freres of Evilchester 10*s.* To Sir John Fernam prest 3*s.* 4*d.* To Aristotill Webbe 3*s.* 4*d.* To every of my godchildern alyve 12*d.* To the Ancresse of Crookehorne 40*d.* and a pair of shetes. To the Ermytt there 3*s.* 4*d.* and a pair of shetes. To the Universite of and Inne Oxford for to rede a lesson in the secunde boke of Decrements 6*s.* 8*d.* To Anne Fernam a paire of shetes. To Johan Days a paire of shetes. To Austyn my scoller my short gowne.

The residue to Thomas Laurence of Crookehorn, my executor.

Witnesses: Sir John Fernam prest, John Waterson, John Longe.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, February 8th, 1523.

1524. JOHN ROBYNS.

[19 Bodfelde.]

April 11th, 1524. John Robyns of the parish of Mells, diocese of Bath and Wells, my body to be buried in the parish church of S. Andrewe of Mells. To the cathedral church of S. Andrew of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Mells £20 with the £7 that I gave to the making of the vestrye there. To the chapel of S. Gile at Lye 20*s.* To Sir Stephyn Edmonds 20*s.* To John Burre 20*s.* To Water Robyns my kynnesman £10. To my doughter Johane Bysse £3 6*s.* 8*d.* and half a doseyn sponys. To my doughter Alice Meryfeld 10*s.*, my standing gilt cup with the cover and di-doseyn sponys. To Nicholas Meryfeld £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Elynor Meryfeld doughter of Robert Meryfeld £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To my doughter Isabell Meryfeld 10*s.* and my best flatt pece. To my doughter Agnes 10*s.* and half a doseyn sponys. To my doughter Edith Barbett 10*s.* and half a doseyn sponys. To John Meryfeld son of Robert Meryfeld 40*s.* To 10 prestes, their names folowing, to pray for my soule and all my wyves soules 10*s.* each, (viz.) Sir Stephyn Edmonds, maister Faireman, the parson of Hemyton, the parson of Rodstoke, the parson of Babyton, Sir John Catcott, Sir Richard Busbe, Sir John of Colverd, Sir Christofer of Kylmerston, Sir Gilbert Style, and to the scolemaister of Mells 10*s.* To 10 pour scolers of the gramerscole of Mells 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To every house of the orders of freers of Bristowe 10*s.* a pece. To the two Charterhouses, Wytham and Henton, 10*s.* a pece. To each of my godchildern 12*d.* To John Hardwyke, clerk of Mells 12*d.* To John Gybson 20*d.* My executrice to ordeyn and provide for me a trentall and peny dool at my burying, at my monethes mynde and at my 12 monethes mynde. And soon after my monethes mynde to provide an honest preste and a discrete to sing and pray for my soule and all my wyves soules within the church of Mells for 3 years, having yerely for his service £6 13*s.* 4*d.* I will my goods shall remain within the parish of Mells till my legacies and will be done. The residue to Margery my wife and executrice.

Overseers: Robert Meryfeld and John Meryfeld and to each of them 100*s.*

Witnesses: Sir Stephyn Edmonds, curate, John Payne and John Burre.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, April 29th, 1524.

1524. WALTER WEBBE.

[35 Bodfelde.]

April 27th, 1524. Water Webbe of Stoke in the parisshe of Chewe. My body to be buryed in the churche of Chewe. To the cathedrall church of Wells, 6*d.* To the church of Chewe 6*s.* 8*d.* To Our Lady chapell of Chewe 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Stoke 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Est Harptre 20*d.* To Joane my wife £10 and also 6 hede bestes of the best after the churche, and the Lorde served. To every of my godchildern 4*d.* The residue to John and Thomas my sonnes, my executors.

Witnesses: Sir John Barry, William Saunders, Robert Atford with other.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, July 20th, 1525.

1524. JOHN DUNNYNG.

[21 Bodfelde.]

April 28th, 1524. John Dunnyng. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the church of Chard. To the high altar of Chard for tithes forgotten 12*d.* To the mother church of Wells 12*d.* To the high altar of the Blessed Mary of Chard 12*d.* To the altar of S. Katherine 12*d.* To the church of Chard my best gown or else 6*s.* 8*d.* at the election of the churchwarden. To the casting of a bell for the church of Chard 6*s.* To Richard Antell curate of Chard 20*s.*

Residue: Margaret my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Richard Antell, curate, William Smyth, Hugh Harrys and Henry Walshe.

Also, to John my son, a two year old steer, and to Thomas my son a heifer of the same age.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, July 15th, 1524.

1524. JOHN WEDERTON.

[24 Bodfelde.]

June 26th, 1524. John Wederton, merchaunt of Taunton, my body to lye within the holy grave of Petir and Paule in the Priory of Taunton. To S. Andrew in Wellys 4*d.* To the two services in Mawdelyn, high crosse and sepulcre, bitwixt them both 2*s.* To William my sonne my best gowne and 40*s.* I will if he be a preist byding in Taunton, he have my cupbord in my chamber. To every of my four sons, Hugh, Richard, Thomas and John 40*s.* the part of any dying to remain to the survivors. To my two doughters Agnes and Alice £4 each and Agnes to have the Wester house in Estrige and Alice the Ester house in Estrige, after their moder's deth. The residue to Isabell my wyfe and executrix. Overseers, maister John Eston my fader-in-lawe and maister Hardyberd, and to the former my violet gowne furred with blak lambe and my doblet of Satyn, and to maister Hardyberd my violet gowne lyned with sarge and 10*s.* to pray for me. To maister vicar of Mawdelyn my goostly fader 3*s.* 4*d.* to pray for me.

Witness: maister vicar of Mawdelyn, William Shewit and David Williams.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, August 26th, 1524.

1524. SIR JOHN RODNEY, KNT.

[10 Porch.]

August 4th, 1524. John Rodney, "miles," my body to be buried in holy grave. To the cathedral church of Wells 40*d.* To William Vowel "*generosus*" £5 or in value. To John Powlett, "*generosus*," and my brother £5. I bequeath to the church where my body shall lie 40*s.*

Residue: Anne my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir Richard Carter, rector of Rodney Stoke, my curate, William Vowell, gentleman, John Pawlet, gentleman and others, and I, Walter Founteyn, clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells, public notary by Imperial authority, do attest the said testament. I have written this with mine own hand and have placed my seal.

Proved August 30th, 1526.

1524. JOHN HORSSYE.

[24 Bodfelde.]

August 12th, 1524. John Horssye in and of the parish of Mary Mawdelyn of Taunton diocese of Bath and Wells, my body to lie in the holy grave of Petir and Paule in the Priory church of Taunton. To the high cross service and the sepulcre service in the church of Mary Magdalen 2*s.* each. To Our Lady service of S. James in Taunton 2*s.* for me to be praid for. To the church of S. Andrew in Wells 6*d.* To master vicar of Mawdelyn in Taunton my gostely fader 3*s.* 4*d.* To my wife's 4 children, William Love, Robert, Johan and Margery £3 6*s.* 8*d.* each, the part of any dying to remain to the survivors, if all die the sum to be distributed for their frendes soules. To my brother William Horssey my best furred gowne. To my suster Isabell Adams 10*s.* I will that the day of my burying there be a trentall songe for me. To my Lord Prior of Taunton for tythes forgoten in tyme past 6*s.* 8*d.* I will there be an honest prest to sing for me for one year, having £6. The remnant to Johan my wife and executrice.

Overseers: my father Robert Horssey and Roger Hill, and to them 10*s.* each.

Witnesses: maister William Byrry, vicar, William Ball and John Duck, and John Rayny.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, August 26th, 1524.

1524. WILLIAM JORDEN.

[28 Bodfelde.]

August 18th, 1524. William Jorden of Keyfford in the parish of Frome Selwood, my body to be buried in the church of Frome aforesaid. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.*, high altar of Frome 12*d.*, light of the Holy Cross of Frome 20*d.*, light of St. John Baptist 4*d.*, light of B.M. 12*d.*, light of B.M. "de Bowe" 4*d.*, light of B.M. of pity 4*d.*, light of St. Clement 4*d.*, light of St. Christopher 4*d.*, light which is called "le dole light" 4*d.*, light of St. Lucy 4*d.*, light of St. Giles 4*d.*, light of St. Michael 4*d.*, light of St. George 4*d.*, to each weaver (*textatori*) of mine 4*d.*, to each godson 4*d.*, to each goddaughter 2*d.*, Agnes my daughter £10, John Chepman, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, William Wallys 20*s.* To a

suitable priest to celebrate for my soule for 3 years in the church of Frome £18, Sir John Kene my confessor to pray for my soule 6*s.* 8*d.*, William Say 3*s.* 4*d.*, William Gybbyng 3*s.* 4*d.*, John Atyate 3*s.* 4*d.*, Edward White 3*s.* 4*d.*, church of Frome £9, to buy one proper and sufficient book called "a Antiphoner" to the glory of God, the B.M., St. John Baptist and all Saints.

Residue: Elizabeth my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir John Kene, Sir William Say, William Gybbyng, John Atyate and Edward White.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, November 28th, 1524.

1524. JOHN BRENT.

[26 Bodfelde.]

August 20th, 1524. John Brent, my body to be buried in the chauncell of the church of Our Lady of Cosyngton by Mawd late my wif. To the church of S. Andrew in Wells 10*s.* To the church of Our Lady in Cosyngton to bye a tenour bell performed to be rong with all £20. To the churches of Bawdrepe, Puryton and Wullavyngton 6*s.* 8*d.* each, and (to the) 2 chauntrie prests of Wullavyngton, Sir Nicħas Neele and Sir John Pople 6*s.* 8*d.* To the gray freres of Briggewater 6*s.* 8*d.* To the freres of Yevilchester 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Spetilhous of Taunton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Spetill house of Brewton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Spetill hous of Lamport 3*s.* 4*d.* To the spitill house of Bath 3*s.* 4*d.* To all my servants men and women dwelling with me the day of my deth a hole yeres wages after. To Richard Brent my son 200 marcs. To Barbara my doughter 200 marcs. To Thomasyn my doughter 200 marcs, the part of one dying to be divided among the survivors, and if two die the survivor to have 400 marcs, the rest being disposed for my soule, the soule of Mawd my wife, and all that we be bound to pray for. And if all die, the whole sum of 600 marcs shall bye lands and tenements to the yerely value of 8 marcs for a perpetual chauntrie, to be founded in the church of Cosyngton to pray for me and Mawd my wife. And my will is that if it could be done by wisdom of my exõrs the chauntrie of the Forde shuld be parcell of the perpetuytie in Cosyngton church. The residue to William Brent and Richard Brent my sons and exõrs to be equally divided by the advice of Bawdwin Malett,

William Vowell, John Poxwell, clerk, and Sir Thomas Keove. And I make coadjutors John Poxwell, parson of Cosyngton, and Sir Thomas Keove one of the chauntrie prestes of Wullavington, and to each of them £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my suster Agnes a nonne in Shaftisbury £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my cosyn Mary Poulett an ambling horse named Symon. And I make supervisors Bawdwin Mallet and William Vowell, and to each of them £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

Witnesses: John Powlett, John Pokiswell, clerk, Thomas Keive, clerk, William Broke, Richard Pery and John Mors.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 15th, 1524.

1524. ROGER CHURCHE.

[26 Bodfelde.]

August 28th, 1524. Roger Churche, clerk, canon residenciary of Wells, my body to be buried in the church of the Friars Minors in the city of Canterbury. I leave all my goods and £50, half to the cathedral of Wells and the canons residenciary there, and half to be distributed among the poor there, and I constitute Sir James FitzJames, canon residenciary, and Sir John Moynys archdeacon of Taunton my exörs.

Witnesses: that venerable man William Hawte, knight, Vincent Broke, gentilman, Sir Ralph Hayes and Sir Richard Ford.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 17th, 1524.

1524. DAVID CORNYSSHE.

[28 Bodfelde.]

August 30th, 1524. David Cornysshe of Comewiche merchant. My body to be buried in the parish church of Canyngton. To the church of S. Andrew in Wells 12*d.* To the Trinitie Bretherhede in the church of Canyngton 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish church of Canyngton 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of S. Leonarde of Comewiche 26*s.* 8*d.* to have my soule praid for, and oons in the yere in the same chapel for oon dirige and masse during the space of 40 yeres. To the churche of Stockland Gaunte 3*s.* 4*d.* To the churche of Oterhampton to pray for me and my frendes 10*s.* To the Prioress and Covent of Canyngton to pray for me 26*s.* 8*d.*, and for tithings forgoten 10*s.* To the maister and covent of S. Jones of Brygewater 26*s.* 8*d.* to

pray for me evermore. To the graye freres there 26*s.* 8*d.* To David the son of Thomas Dowdyng of Brygewater and to his issue after the decesse of Elisabeth my wife, the state of my house in which I dwell in Comewich and of my barne called "Colssewil Barne" in Comewich as appereth by my dede. And for lacke of issue to remayn to the use of the chapell of S. Leonard in Comewich to pray for my soule. To Elisabeth Flemyng oon paire of amber beads. To the churche S. Thomas of [blank] in Walys the half of all my oxen kyne and shepe with other in Walys there being with the halffendele of thencrease, and the other half to be divided equally betwene the churche of Our Lady of Burton fery and the church of S. Iltute by even porcions with the store of the same to pray for my soule for ever. To John Cornyshe my brother all my burgages in the borowe of Nethe. The residue to Elisabeth my wife and executrix, she to find an honest prest to sing for my soule and Mawd my wife, John Cornyshe my fader and Joane my mother and for all soules for whom I am bound to pray.

Overseers: Maister John Tremayle and Happsmyth.

Witnesses: Richard Adams vicar of Canyngton, Thomas Brown clerk, and Thomas Dowdyng of Brygewater.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, November 26th, 1524.

1524. THOMAS CHEPMAN.

[26 Bodfelde.]

August 31st, 1524. Thomas Chepman citezen of Bath diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the cathedral church of SS. Petir and Powle in Bath. To the same church for my burial place, the glasing of a wyndowe as well as my wife shall ordre hit. To the moder church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Priour of the same church of Bath 20*s.* To the same Prior and to master William Smyth clerk of the Excheker 40*s.* a pece to defende my testament, if need be. To the Prior and Covent of the same church of Bath 20*s.* To the church of Stalls and to the obit of the benefactors of the same church 26*s.* 8*d.* To the chapell of S. Kateryn 6*s.* 8*d.* Also the purches that I have of S. Kateryn I will be restored again to the behofe of the said chapell. To Sir William Rogers my curat, vicar of Stalls,

my best skarlett gown for my forgotten tithes. To a prest to sing for me 2 yeres £12. To John Chapman my eldest son £10. To John my son the yonger at London £10 and a standing cupp which his godfather wolde be shuld have after my wife's decesse. To William my son £10. To Robert, Richard and Petir my sons £20 each. To Edith my wife the high rents sumtyme called "Fulbrokes Rents," except the house that Rumsay dwellith in, which I will William Chapman shall have with the sellar. And after my wifes decesse I will John Chepman thelder shalhave the house that Parker now dwellith in with the sellar. And Robert Chepman to have the house which William Rumsey occupies, with 2 lomys [looms] next unto Roger Gregory. And Richard Chapman to have the house in which dwellith William Vawse. And Petir that house where dwellith Emme Mors. I will my mylls purchased of my Lord Prior of Bath in the parish of Weston in the oon side and of maister Rodnay in the parish of Tweverton in the other side, so that William Chapman shall have the two stocks that is in the side next Weston for the terme of the years, and Robert to have the two stocks next to the Weer in the mill of Tweverton side at the disposition of his moder, and the other two stocks next the highway in Tweverton side with the broke mill in Witcombe parish, to Richard my son at the disposition of his moder. To William Romsey my servant 40*s.* and my tawny gowne furred.

The residue to Edith my wife and executrice.

Witnesses: William Rogers vicar of Statts, my curat, Thomas Wildicott, William Appowell, William Rumsey.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 29th, 1524.

1524. GEORGE ROGERS.

[24 Bodfelde.]

September 9th, 1524. George Rogers, of Lamporte, in the diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried within the church yarde of Thrukkeston.[1] To the moder church of Hampshire 12*d.* To the curat of the church of Thruckeston to pray for my soule 6*s.* 8*d.*

The residue to my son Edward Rogers, my executor.

[1] Thruxton (Hants).

Witnesses: Sir Roger Burgg curat of Thruckeston, William Danyell and Richard Horssey.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 5th, 1524.

1524. JOHN PROWS.

[29 Bodfelde.]

October 11th, 1524. John Prows. My body to be buried in the church of Chard; the church of Chard, 6*s.* 8*d.*, altar of B.M. there 3*s.* 4*d.*, altar of St. Katerine there 3*s.* 4*d.*, monastery of Tawnton 6*s.* 8*d.*, service of B.M. of Tawnton 3*s.* 4*d.*, sustentation of the light before the cross there 12*d.*, high altar of Chard for tithes forgotten 12*d.*, each of my sisters 6*s.* 8*d.* Cecily my wife, all my tenements, one only excepted which lies in Taunton, and through which I was exempt from the revenue of the town, this one I leave to my brother Nicholas Prows. To hire a priest to celebrate for me for two years £13 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Cecily my wife and Nicholas Prows my brother equally (executors).

Overseers: John Selwode and John Chaplyn (to each 6*s.* 8*d.*).

Witnesses: Richard Antell, curate of Charde, John Selwode, Robert Rok.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, December 15th, 1524.

1524. WILLIAM HYPSLEY.

[39 Bodfelde.]

November 29th, 1524. William Hypsley, parishioner of [Midsomer] Norton, to be buried in the chapel of B.M. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.*, church of Norton 13*s.* 4*d.*, chapel of B.M. there 6*s.* 8*d.*, the vicar there for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.*, church of Enborowe one cow, church of Faryngton 10*s.*, church of Compton two sheep, church of Stratton on the Fosse two sheep, Sir Thomas Pullen my curate, Isabel my daughter £10, Margaret my daughter £10.

Residue: Emlene my wife (executrix). I will that John Hupsley my son have the occupation of my farm of Tunnerys, with all the sheep being there during [the life] of Emlene my wife,

rendering to her yearly £3 6*s.* 8*d.* and after her death it shall remain to the use of the said John.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Pullen, John Hipsley, William Lotsham and John Aleyn.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, December 9th, 1524.

1524. ALEXANDER PESTER.

[30 & 31 Bodfelde.]

December 23rd, 1524. Alexander Pester, of the parish of North Perott. My body to holy burial. To the cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* To the parish church of Perott a cow, to the use of the light of the Sepulchre of Christ. To Thomas and Christopher my sons, to each of them a cow. To Agnes my daughter a cow and a pan. To the Rector of Perott, for tithes forgotten, a calf.

Residue: Matilda my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir Richard Combe, John Zele, Walter Gere and John Vicare.

Proved at St. Paul's London, February 14th, 1524.

1524. JOHN CHAMPENEYS.

[20 Bodfelde.]

January 3rd, 1524. John Champeneys. My body to be buried in halowed grounde. To the cathedral churche of Wells 2*s.* To the parissh churche of Chuw 20*s.* To the chapell of Our Lady there 10*s.* To my doughter Isabell £20. To my sonne John all my household stuffe, my kyne, and all other bests with almaner tolys, vessells, bedding, cuppis, sponys, and other necessaryes of householde and all my instruments and necessaries belonging to the crafte of clothmaking, owte take bestes as of right accustomed after my deth belonging to my lorde of Bathe and to maister vicar of Chuw. To my son Thomas £20. To my son Richard £20. To my doughter Johan £20. To my doughter Margarete £20. And yf any of my said children dye before the age of sixteen yeres, the abovesaid bequests to be evynly devided amongst them lyving.

The residue to Cristyen, my wife and executor.

In witness whereof I have subscribed this bill with myn own hand. Day and yere abovesaid.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, May 13th, 1524.

1524. JOHN SERRY.

[32 Bodfelde.]

January 21st, 1524. John Serry, in the parish of Wynsham, in the county of Somersett. My body to be buried in the said church of Wynsham to which I give for the health of my soul 13*s.* 4*d.* Cathedral church of Wells 6*d.* Master Edmund Crombock, vicar of the said church, 12*d.* John Coke, clerk, 4*d.* Dorothy, my daughter, 10 marks. Elisabeth, my daughter, 40*s.* Agnes, my daughter, one quarter of corn. George, my son, 40*s.* Alice, my daughter, 20*s.* Joan, daughter of my wife, 20*s.* Three sons of my wife, three oxen, viz., Hugh, John, and Richard. Roger, my son, 20*s.* To each adopted child, 4*d.*

Residue: Elisabeth, my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Master George Speke.

Witnesses: John Fairechild, William Crowch, and John Coke, clerk.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, April 8th, 1525.

1524. EDWARD STENYNG.

[33 Bodfelde.]

January 29th, 1524. Edward Stenyng, of Selworthy, in the diocese of Bath and Wells; my body to be buried in the church of Wellington. To the church store of Selworthy 20*s.* To the maintenance of Our Lady light in the same church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the rode light in the South Ile there 6*s.* 8*d.* To the cathedral church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Wellington, for my buriall 20*s.* To Elynor my wife all such stuff and goodes that I have in London, with a cheyne of gold that she hath nowe in her own warde, and after her death the same goodes and cheyne to Thomas Hungerford and to his brother Richard Hungerford in partie of payment of £100. I will Water Stenyng my son and heir receive noo rents nother profits of my lands till my detts and will be performed but that they be received only by my

executors to pay my detts and perform my will. To Thomasyn my doughter all my movable goods in Honycote, with the cofer in the chapell chamber and the gold and silver in it. I will my executors leave certeyn vessells and implements in the place after their discrecion to the use of myn heir. And if my doughter Thomasyn die before mariage, all my bequests to her to remain to Thomas Stenyng my son, and I will he receive to his propre use all the profits of my lands in Devonshire, and after him they shall remain to my right heirs. To my servant William Deke my gowne of Tawny furred with black bogie. To Thomas Kent my third best kowe. If Robert Hungerford require a compte of his lands for the tyme I had them in my rule, hit apperith by a boke of accompt that I have doo more costs and charges in reparacion then I receyved of hit, paid at Stodlay by thandes of William Watts, at Crekeled paid by thands of Edward Kirton, paid at Westminster and long dẽth by the handes of Edward Stenyng the valure of £10 and more.

The residue to Hugh Malett esquier and Reynold Pym esquier, my executors.

Overseer: Master Andrew Loterell.

Witnesses: Sir William Squyre, vicar of Wellington, Thomas Budde, William Deke, William Malett, Thomas Kent.

To my executors 20*s.* each, beside their charges. My overseer to be rewarded at their discretion. To Thomas Stenyng my son all my wering clothes at Honycott. To the parson of Selworthy 20*d.* To the vicar of Wellyngton 2*s.* 6*d.* to pray for me. Proved at St. Paul's, London, May 8th, 1525.

1524. JOHN GRAUNT.

[31 Bodfelde.]

1524. John Graunt, of Yatton. My body to be buried in the church of Yatton. To the same churche 20*d.* To the high altar 20*d.* To the chapell of S. James in the same parish 20*d.* To Our moder church of Wells 8*d.* To the church of Wraxold 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Chelvy 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Naylsey 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Brocley 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Kene 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Kyngeston 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Congersbery a paire of vestments. To my wife Alice

a certeyn grounde called Nobull-land, with two tenements belonging therto, which I hold of master Arture Kemes Esq., by endenture for certeyn yeres as therein appears, which I will shall ronne to the use of my wife during her life, and after her decease to remain to John Walle hir son, to him and to his assignees. The residue to my wife Alice, my executrix.

Witnesses: Sir William Midwynter, curate of the parishe aforesaid, John Wale and John Erle.

Proved at St. Paul's, March 2nd, 1524.

1524. JOHN STOROWE.

[34 Bodfelde.]

March 1st, 1524. John Storowe of Chewe. My body to be buried in the parish church of Chew. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the parish church of S. Andrew of Chew 16*s.* 8*d.* To the chapel of the Blessed Mary of Chew 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high altar 8*d.* To John Holbroke 53*s.* 4*d.* Residue to Isabel Storowe and Richard Bocher, my executors, whose consciences may the Holy Spirit illumine.

In witness of which I make this testament by the hands of Sir Roger Jenyns my curate.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, May 27th, 1525.

1525. JOHN MOYN.

[37 Bodfelde.]

April 3rd, 1525. John Moyn, clerk, Archdeacon of Taunton. My body to be buried in the chapel of the Blessed Mary next the cloister of the cathedral church of Wells before the Cross. To the cathedral church of Wells one carpet clothe. To the cathedral church aforesaid 13*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of S. Michael the Archangel of Milverton one carpet clothe. I bequeath a gown of mine *de le Satyn* furred with black bugge to buy one pair of organs for the use of the said church of Milverton. To the high altar of the cathedral church of Wells a cushion (*pulvinar*)

of crymsyn velvet. To Rainold Borowe 20*s.* To Leonard Dyxwell 20*s.*

Residue: To John Stronge and Roger Stockman, clerks, (executors), to each of whom I give £4.

Overseers: John Beckam and William Bowreman, clerks and residentiaries of the cathedral church of Wells, to each of whom 53*s.* 4*d.*

Witnesses: Master Robert Beckam, notary public of the diocese of Norwich, John Genyngs, John Orchard and Thomas Farre, vicars choral of the church of Wells.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 9th, 1525.

1525. LYONEL HARRISON.

[38 Bodfelde.]

August 10th, 1525. Lyonell Haryson, of Preston, in the parisshe of Evill, dioces of Bathe and Welles. My body to be buried within the parishe churche of S. John of Evill. To the cathedral church of Wells 20*d.* To the high awter of Evill 20*d.* To the said church of Evill a gurdell with pentand and buckill silver and gilt. To the churche of Preston 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Melbury 6*s.* 8*d.* To the chapell of Saint Judewar 6*s.* 8*d.* To every of my godchildren a shepe. The residue to Alice my wife and Lionell Harryson the sonne of Reynold Harryson, whom I make my executors. And overseers Reynold Harryson and T. Jus. Witnesses: Sir William Tylly, curate, Edward Harryson, John Olvard.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, November 4th, 1525.

1525. JOHN LOVELL.

[38 Bodfelde.]

September 1st, 1525. John Lovell, my body to holy grave. Mother church 2*s.* The four lights of the parish church of Shepton Malett 16*d.* The bells there 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Chedder 6*s.* 8*d.* Parish church of Beringdon 6*s.* 8*d.* Church of Blagdon 6*s.* 8*d.* To each priest present at my exequies and mass 12*d.* To a suitable priest to celebrate for one year for my soule, the souls of my parents and friends, £6. Edmund Lovell my son £10. George Lovell my son £10. Agnes and

Margery Lovell my daughters (each) £10, and if any of them die before marriage, the said sum to be equally divided among the survivors. William Lacy, on the day of his marriage, 6 silver spoons, with the true legacy of his father. Each godchild 4*d.* Isabel Alyn one cow. The wife of Cupper of Chedder, my relative, one cow. Alice my wife all the furniture which she brought with her. Thomas Lovell my son a London cloth. John Lovell of Stoke "a quarter of woode."

Residue: Alice Lovell my wife and John Lovell my son and Richard Hogge (executors).

Overseer: Master Philip Fulford, to whom 40*s.*

Witnesses: Sir John Michell, curate, and Robert Bythesee.

Also, all the plate of houshold which I had before my wifes time, to my wife as long as she remain a widow, but at her marriage or death, to John Lovell and Richard Hogges, to be equally distributed to my children, upon my blessing. Also Richard Hogges shall have Edmunde my son and Agnes my doughter with their bequest, and John Lovell shall have George his brother with his bequest, and Thomas Lovell to have Margery his sister with her bequest, to guide them till they come to lawfull age. To the parish prest at my moneths mynde for my burying and to say dirige daily in the church till the moneth be owte 6*s.* 8*d.* To the clerke to attende him 3*s.* 4*d.* Also I bynde my son John Lovell to deliver to Alice my wife during her widowhood Trotts house with all that holde, saving the westemoste close and the hole frams [farms] lese. To William Lacy my best gowne.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 20th, 1525.

1525. THOMAS SOPER.

[33 Bodfelde.]

I, Thomas Soper...sumwhat sike of body, etc., trusting firmly by the merits of the glorious Passion and dethe of Our Soveraigne Jesu Criste that I shalbe partyner of his mercy and a savyd soule, and by the intercession of Our Blissid Lady and Saint George myn advowces, my body to be buried in the churchyard of Evylton. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Evylton 10*s.* and 3 acres of whete and oon

acre of barley and [. . .][1] acres oots. To the said church of Elveton (*sic*) oon masse boke of parchemyn written with texhand, to be paid for in the bederoll there. To my wife Alice 100 marcs, to be delivered when she departeth from my house of Spakyngton, to the intent that she discharge me, Thomas Soper, and my heirs, of oon obligation in which I stand bounde in the sum of £100 to John Daunce Esq., and Ambrose Daunce gentilman, her brothers, to keep certeyn covenants in a pair of Indentures made between them and me. To each of my children £20. To Roger Smyth my servant £4 for his wages behynde, when he aske it by a reasonable knowlige. To Edith Mathewe my servant 40*s*. for her wages behynde. To my godson Thomas Boole 2 kye, 2 acres of whete and 2 acres of oots, to be taken of my corne which shall happen to grow upon my farme of Spekkington. Immediately after my decesse my executor to take all duties owing to me, to pay all detts dewe to any person, and after such payment of my detts and performance of my will, the residue to my executor to dispose for my soule. And if my executor die before my will be done or before he be 21 years of age, my children to see to its performance, and the residue to be disposed equally among them. And my executor I make my eldest and trusty son John Soper. Overseers, John Sydenham of Babcary gentilman and William Moreys of Quene Cammel thelder, and in their absence Robert Hogges of Chilton and John Gilbert of West Camel, and to each of my overseers 40*s*. And I will they shall have the oversight of my farme of Spekkington until the full age of my eldest son John Soper, to the use of my yonger son John Soper. And when John my eldest son come to 21 yeres of age, he shall occupie the said farme of Spekkyngton until the full age of my yonger son John who shall occupie it when he come to 21 years. And if he die, the farm to remain to my eldest son John during his life. And I will this my testament abide in a place certeyn where my overseers think best, and if any person desire to have copie of it, my executor to deliver him a true copie of such articles as he hath interest to. Wretyn at Spekington, March 21st, 1525.

Witnesses: Sir Hugh Fisher, William Moreys, Robert Hogges, John Gilbert. Proved at St. Paul's, London, May 10th, 1525.

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1525. JOHN MIRIFIZL.

[38 Bodfelde.]

1525. John Mirifizl, my body to be buried in the parishe church of Saint Gile [Leigh-on-Mendip], to which church and chapel £12. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Mells 6*s.* 8*d.* To each of my 4 children £20. To my doughter Margery £10 as well. The part of any dying to remain to the survivors. I will a preste shall sing for my soule for 2 years, having £6 a year. To my goostly father the curate 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Donhede 4 shepe. To the chapell of Colforde 4 shepe. The residue to Elisabeth Mirifizell my wife and executrice.

Witnesses: John Debill there, curate, my brother Robert Mirivell, Thomas Spencer, Roger More.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, October 20th, 1525.

JOHN, LORD ZOUCHE.

[5 Porch.]

October 8th, 1525. John Zouche, Lord Zouche and Seynt Maure. My body to be buried within the priory of Staverdell, in the chapell of the chauntrie of Jesus there, by me late ordeyned and founded. I will that every prest being at my burying and singing masse have 12*d.* At my said burying, penny dole to be made to pour people in like wise at my monethes mynde. I will that every prest being there and singing masse shall have 12*d.*, and also penny dole to be made to pour people yf my movable goodes will it perfourme and be sufficient therfor, yf not, I will it be doon by the discrecion of myn executors. I will that my overseer and every myn executors shalhave a gowne cloth of blak at tyme of my decesse, and every of my household servants at the same time a coote cloth of blak. I will that every of my said household servants to whom I have gevyn after my decesse his hole yere wages according to my will therof declared upon my londes. I will that all my detts and legacies be paid to the issues and profits of the manors of Clyppesham, Launden, Bramfeld, and Litill Howghton, according to my former will declared of my londes, and that myn executors shall take thissues and profits to tyme all my detts and legacies be

contented and paid according to my said former will declared of my londes. To the prior and covent of Staverdale 53*s.* 4*d.* To the prior and covent of the Charterhouse of Wytham 20*s.* To the prior and covent of the gray freres of Brigewater, where I am founder, for a trentall of masses to be song 20*s.* To the freres of Ilchester for a trentall 10*s.* To the gray freres of Dorchester for a trentall 10*s.* To the freres of Marleburg for a trentall 10*s.* To each of the following parish churches 6*s.* 8*d.*: Stourton, Penne, Charlton, Bratton St. Mary. I give and bequethe all my right, title and interest, and terme of and in my logging and other grounde therto adioyning within the priory of Staverdale to Sir John Fitz-James, knight, Chief Baron of the king's exchequer, and to his assignes, provided always that in any wise the said J. F. shall not suffer my sonne Sir John Zouche to occupie me abide in the same.

Residue: I will that Maister James Fitzjames, clerk, doctor of divinite, Maister James Gilbert, clerk, residenciaries in the cathedral church of Wellys, and Leonard Chaffyn shall have them, and I make them my executors and give to each of them £10.

Overseer: Sir John Fitz-James, knight, chief Baron of the King's Exchequyer to whom 20 marcs.

Proved March 20th, 1525.

Codicil.

To all men to whom this present writing, quatripartite indented shall come, and it shall rede here or see John Zouche knyght Lord Zouche and Seintmaure sende writing (*sic*). Know ye that where the Reverent Father in God Richard Bishop of Winchester and other hath recorded agayn me the said Lord Zouche by writte of entree in the post the manors of Pytcombe and Coft, in the countie of Somerset, the manors of Litill Houghton and Clyppesham, with their appurtenances, in the countie of Northampton, thentent and use of the said recoveree is and was to thuse of me the said Lord Zouche and of myn heirs, and therewith to execute and performe this my last will as herafter foloweth. First, I will that where I the said Lord Zouche have ordeyned and deputed two prestes to synge in the chapell of Jesus by me newe buylded in the Priory of Staverdell in the said

countie of Somersett for me, myn auncetours and suche other as I shall herafter expresse in such manner as I shall also expresse and declare that every of the said two prestes shalbe suffered to contynue within the said service during his life, so he order himself according to my will and entent as herafter shalbe declared, and that during the said tyme each prest shalhave yerely for his salary 10 marcs of the issues of the said manors of Pytcombe and Coll, to be paid quarterly by the receyvor of the manors. And if either prest die and depart from his service by his own assent or otherwise during my lyfe, then such prest or prests as I shall depute to the service shall receive like salary and be suffered to contynue in the said service. And whenever either prest die or depart after my decease, the Prior of Staverdell shall depute an honest prest in his or their romes within one moneth. And so the Prior of Staverdell for the tyme being shall so depute a newe honest prest as often as it happen any of the said roomes to be voide, for ever. And (if) the Prior of Staverdell within the tyme lymyted do not so ordeyn a newe prest, then the Prior of Charterhouse of Wytham to do so within the second moneth. And if he do not, then I will Thabbot of Brewton within the 3rd moneth shall so ordeyn and depute oon honest prest. And this to contynue for ever. And yf any of the said Priors or the said Abbey be voide when it come to his tyme to depute a prest, then the Prior or Abbot next lymyted to preferre the prest shall ordeyn him. And every prest to sing and pray for me and myn frendes having the salary as before rehersed. I will the Prior of Staverdell for the tyme being within oon moneth next after my decesse shall ordeyn and depute oon sufficient persone to be receyvour of the said manors of Pytcombe and Coll, therof to pay yerely to the said prestes their salary and further to doo as herafter shalbe expressed. And the said receyvour to have yerely during the tyme he shall truely occupie the said office for his fee 26*s.* 8*d.* of thissues of the maners of Pytcombe and Coll. And if the Prior of Staverdell doo (not) within oon moneth depute a receyvour, then the Priour of Charterhouse of Wytham shall do so within the second moneth, and in default of him, Thabbot of Brewton within the 3rd moneth. And if oon receyvor decesse or be putt owte or leve the office, a newe one to be ordeyned as above. I will that

every Wenysday in the yere each prest shall say masse of requiem for my soule, my father and mother soules by name, and for all the soules in generall that I am bounde to pray for. And every Frydey they shall say masse *de nomine Jesu* except Good Friday and the other days masse of the day after thorder of the church, yf they be disposed and in helth of body as is convenient to a prest to say masse. At every masse, after the first lavatory, each prest shall turne him fro the awter, and openly as may be herde by them that shall stande about, to saye *de profundis* with the collete of *Fidelium* for my soule, my father and mother and suche other as shalbe written in a table upon the awter, by name, and all the soules that I be bounde to pray for in generall and all cristen soules. I will that every year while the worlde shall endure upon that day in which I shall die, there to be holden at Staverdell aforsaid for my soule and the soules aforsaid a dirige by the Prior of Staverdell and his Covent and the said two prests, and the next day folowing each of the said two prests to say masse of requiem, and oon of the masses to be by note as devowtely and solemply as it may with a fewe persons, and if I happen to decesse upon such a day that by thorder of the church I may not have dirige and the next day masse of requiem, then I will it beholden the next day after the day of my decesse in which it may be holden by thorder of the church. To the Prior for keping the said Dirige and Masse of Requiem, yerely 3*s.* 4*d.* and to every of his Covent 12*d.* And at the said Dirige and Masse I will there be distributed in almes every yere 20*s.* among poore people, and all this to be doon and paid by the receyvor of Pytcombe and Coll of thissues thereof. I will each of the said prestes say every Wenysday in the yere by himselfe or with his felowe, "placebo" and "dirige" for my soule and the soules of my father and mother and all that shalbe written in the Table. And every prest that shalbe preferred to sing for me as above shalhave thexibicion for terme of his life as well in sikenes as in helth so that he have noo other maner of promocion nor lyving, and doo his dutie as afore rehersed and also be of good and honest conversation as belongeth to a prest and specially of good and chast lyving of his body. And if any of the said prestes happen to be decrepite for age or sike so that he may not sing, then I will he fynde oon other honest prest to say masse every

Wenysday of Requiem for the soules before rehersed. And if he do not so I will he be abated of his salary for every Wenysday that he so shall faile *6d.*, and the Prior of Staverdell to find som other honest prest to say Masse of Requiem in the said chapell that Wenysday that he so shall faile, which prest shall have every Wenysday *6d.* of the other prest's salary, to be paid by him that payeth the other prest. And if any of the prests appointed to sing for me, of his wilfulnes will not doo his duetie, or will not be conversante and abyding at the said Priory, or he be promoted to any other service, or be not of honest conversacion and chast lyving of his body, and that he be proved (so) before the Abbot of Brewton and the said two Priors of Staverdell and Charterhous Wytham, then he shall be discharged within a moneth and putt from his service by the Prior of Staverdell, and within one moneth the said Prior shall preferre another in his room. And if the Prior of Staverdell fail to discharge him and preferre another the Prior of Charterhous Wytham shall do so, and in default of him, the Abbot of Brewton. And if the said Abbot or either of the said Priors discharge any prest and fail to preferre another in his room, then the Prior or Abbot next lymyted shall preferre oon or both as the caas shall require. To the Prior of Staverdell yerely 10*s.* to be paid by the receyvor of Pytcombe and Coll of thissues therof to fynde the 2 prests wyne, bred and waxe to singe with. And (if) the Prior of Staverdell do not so find wyne, bred and waxe, the receyvor shall do so, and he to be alowed therfor upon his accompts, and the Prior for that yere not to be paid the said 10*s.* I will that every [. . .][1] at my obite be ordeyned by the Prior of Staverdell suche waxe to brenne at the same as shalbe convenient for my degree, and to be borne of thissues of the maners of Pytcombe and Coll, and paid to the Prior of Staverdell by the receyvors therof. I will the Prior of Staverdell, and default of him the Prior or Thabbot as above in order, shall ordeyn ornaments for the said two prests to serve God withall, as vestments, bokes, chalices, and crewetts, with a pagis ; every of these as shalbe convenient to be paid for by the receyvors as above. I shall desire the Prior of Charterhous Witham and Thabbot of Brewton, and the Lord of Redlyche

[1] Blank in MS.

and the Prior of Staverdell oons every yere to take accompts at Staverdell of the receyvor of the said manors, and to see the expenses of the premisses and the ornaments ordeyned for the two prests, and to examyn howe the prests have doon theire duties according to my will. And if the said Abbot Priors and Lord of Redlyche, or the more part of them may attende, I wold have the accompts taken the day that the masses shuld be said for my obite, and if they may not that day then, som other day as they may best intende. And I will that day of accompts the Prior of Staverdell shall ordeyn conveniently for their dyner, and to have for the same at every accompts 13*s.* 4*d.* to be paid by the said receyvor. I will that the Abbot of Brewton and the Prior of Charterhous Witham have every yere at the said accompts if they be there 20*s.* each, and the Prior of Staverdell 13*s.* 4*d.* except John Fitz-james thelder, which is now of my fee. And I trust he will do that in him is for the perfourmance of this my will during his life. The residue of thissue of the profitts of the maners of Pytcombe and Coll over and above the chargis above rehersed (to) be put in a cover [coffer] and laide in the Priory of Charterhous Wytham, to thentent that therewith my will may be mayntayned. And when there shall aryse and grow of the same as moche money as will get a licence of Our Souveraign Lord the King to amortyse the said manors, or as moch therof as will serve for a perpetuel chauntery for two prests after the form before declared, then I will that such as shall be seased of the manors, or the said Abbot or Priors, cawse their lerned counceill to labour for the said amortisement. And if the licence may be gotten, then to founde a chauntry for the two prests perpetually in the said chapel of Jesus to sing and pray as abovesaid; the Prior of Staverdell, or in his defaute the Prior of Charterhous Witham, or the Abbot of Brewton to ordeyn both the prests after the chauntrye (be) founded within the tyme before limited. And the Abbot, Priors and Lord of Redliche to examyn the order, lyving of the prests, and punyshe them as above as well after the chauntry be founded as before. And if any of the said Priors, Abbot or Lord of Redliche be not at the accompts or fail in doyng anything to him limited, then for that yere his pencion shall not be paid to him. Item, where also Richard nowe Bishop of London and divers others have

recovered agayn me among other lands by writ of entree in the post the manor of Branfelde in the said countie of Northampton to thuse of me and myn heirs, I will that immediately after my decesse my doughter Cecilye Zouche have £10 of lond, parcell of the said manor of Branfelde, to hir and to hir heires, the said lond to be severid and divided from the rest of the manor by my executors. I will my son William Zouche after my deth have the manor of Branfelde, except the said £10 of land, to him and to his heires males, and in defaute of such issue to remain to my right heires, soo that my said son William do truly pay such annuyties as be graunted by me owte of the said manor. And if he do not, and if he lett or interrupt any part of this my will, my executors shall take the hole issues and pay the said annuyties and perform my will, the residue remaining to my right heires, soo they do not lett thexecucion of my will. To my trusty servant Richard Dyer an annuytie of 53*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid yerely at the fests of Pentecost and All Saints owt of the part of the said manor of Branfelde lymyted to my son William. To my servant Edward Burley the same. To John Fitz-james the elder and to his son John an annuytie of 10 marcs, out of the manor of Litill Houghton, to be paid at the same fests. To my servant Frauncis Aynesworth oon annuytie of 100*s.* To my servant Cuthbert Mychell of my chamber 5 marcs yerely. To other servants annuities as follows: Hugh Norman 40*s.*, John Porter 40*s.*, Arthur Makeworthe 4 marcs, James Bryce 4 marcs, John Artour the yonger 40*s.*, John Arthur thelder 4 marcs, all out of the said manor of Litill Houghton, to be paid at the fests abovenamed. To William Gylman my servant an annuytie of 40*s.* To John Bledring and John Lydeate my servants an annuytie of 26*s.* 8*d.* each, the above to be paid out of that part of the manor of Branfelde limited to my son William. And with the residue of the profitts of the said manors of Litill Houghton and Branfelde my executors shall pay the rest of my servants one hole yeres wagis. And if my recoverers of the manors of Pytcombe and Coll, Clypsham, Branfelde and Litill Houghton die to the number of 2 or 4 persons, the survivors to make estate in fee of the said manors to 2 or 3 persons immediately to take estate agayn to them that so overlyved and to other trusty persons to the number

of 10 and so to contynue to tyme my will is performed. I will of the issues and profits of the manor of Lavenden and of all my said lands and manors in recoverers hands, except the manors of Pytcombe and Coll, my executors pay all my detts that can be proved, and also truly execute every poynt of this my will. And if my son and heir apparant or any other that shall happen to be my next heire, withdraw or witholde any maner of fee, annuytie before graunted, or in any wise interrupt thexecucion of my last will, or be not loving and kynde to such as shall be my servants at the tyme of my decesse, or if he hurte, troble or vexe any of them that shall be of my counsell or other my frends or servants, then my executors, as they shall aunswere before God, shall sell my maners of Litill Houghton and Lavenden to the best value they can, and with the money pay the fees or annuyties, and gett a licence of the King with the residue to founde and make perpetual the said two prests at Staverdell in maner as above, and to amortise the said maners of Pytcombe and Coll for perfourmance of the same. In witness wherof to every part of this my will quatripartite indented I, the said Lord Zouche, have sett my seall and signe manuell. September 28th, 9 Henry VIII.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, March 20th, 1525.

1525. THOMAS COLE.

[7 Porch.]

November 18th, 1525. Thomas Cole. To be buried in the parish church of Mynhede in the aisle [Gilda] of the Holy Trinity. To the store of the same church, one saltseler of silver formerly bought of the said church. To the store of the port called le Were of the said town 20*s.* To a certain chaplain to celebrate in the said church for my soul and my friends' souls for a whole year £6. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Sir James Hacket, curate there for tithes forgotten and to pray for my soul, 6*s.* 8*d.* Margaret Laughell my servant £3 6*s.* 8*d.* Edith Garet my servant £3 6*s.* 8*d.* Sir John Richard, chaplain, to pray for my soul, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To each light situated within the church of Mynhede 12*d.*

Residue: Alice my wife, Robert my son, and Joan my daughter (executors).

Overseers: Sir John Richard and Stephen Cole.

Witnesses: Sir James Hacket, curate, Sir John Richard, chaplain, Robert Dobyll.

Proved June 5th, 1526.

1525. ALEXANDER BULLER, ESQ.

[7 Porch.]

January 7th, 1525. Alexander Buller, esquier, of Wood, within the diocese of Bathe. My body to be buried within the parish churche of St. Gile of Knoll, within the chauncell. To the cathedral church of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* To the brotherhede of St. Kateryn Ile in the church of Charde 20*s.* To the brotherhede of the Crosse in the church of Ilmystre 20*s.* To Sir Henry Lymary, curate of Knoll 3*s.* 4*d.* To my olde servant Robert Butler 13*s.* 4*d.* To my olde servant Thomas Lumbard 13*s.* 4*d.* To my olde servant Peter Thorne 13*s.* 4*d.* To my servant John Hayes 6*s.* 8*d.* To my father-in-lawe John Horssey thelder my sorell amlyng gelding, and to my brother John Horssey the choyse of any of my trotting geldings.

Residue: Elizabeth my wife, and John Buller my son and heire (executors).

Overseers: J. Horssey elder and yonger.

Witnesses: Sir Henry Lymary, curate, John Horssey the elder and yonger, Peter Thorne.

Proved June 5th, 1526.

1525. ISABEL FITZ-JAMES.

[24 Porch.]

February 21st, 1526.[1] Isabell FitzJames, widowe, within the diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in Cristen burial where it shall please God and my frendes. To the mother church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the chapell of St. Peter at Redlynch 3*s.* 4*d.* To my doughter my lady ffitzJames a gurdell of gold harneysed with golde. To my doughter Elizabeth fitzJames the yonger a gowne of chamlet purfilled with crymson velvet. To

[1] MS. 1527, but the codicil is dated 1527, October 4th.

my sonne Hugh Mallet of Corripole a goblet gilt bering armes of the libertts[1] hed. To my godsonne Thomas Mallett a goblet gilt with the armes of the portcullis and the rose, and 6 silver sponys. To my doughter Isabell Mallett a nutt gilt, with a cover to the same, a mary mawdelyn box[2] gilt with a cover to the same. To my sonne Hugh Mallett a fetherbed with a bolster, a paire of blanketts, 4 pillowes of downe, a counterpoynt of Imagery werke, 5 paire of fyne shetes, and 5 paire of yomen shetes, two borde clothes of diaper, a pair of towells of diaper, a doseyn of napkyns of diaper, a long carpett, half a doseyn of quysshons of carpet werk, two long quysshens for the chamber, oon cloth of batkyn and a nother of damaske werk, two coffers of sprewys, two ship coffers. To my doughter Isabell Mallet a blak gowne of chamlet furryd with martryns, my tryangle of golde. To my son Thomas Michell a basyn and an ewer of silver parcell gilt, a stonding goblet with a cover bering armys of the libertts' hede, 2 fether bedds with two bolsters, 4 downe pillowes marked with A.B., a paire of fustians, a paire of blanketts, two counterpoynts oon with the ymage of Our Lady and the other with diverse ymagery werke, a tabull cloth of diaper 6 yards in length, and 3 yards in brede, another borde cloth of diaper of the same werke, 6 napkins of like werke, 18 diaper napkins, two wasshing towells and a cupbord cloth of diaper, 3 carpetts, a cupborde, a cofir of korvid werk made in Bruton, a coffer of sprewis, a ship coffer stonding by the bedside, 6 quysshens with redde harts hedds, 2 long quysshens for the chamber, one of werke of batkyn and another of damaske werke. To my doughter Joane Michell wife of the said Thomas Michell my gowne of chamlet furryd with shanke, another tawny chamlet gowne purfilled with blak velwet and my best beads with a broche of golde. My will is the residue of all my gownes be distributed amongst my kynnesfolks by the discrecion of my overseer. To Richard my servant a fetherbed whereupon my servants lyeth, a paire of newe blanketts, a paire of shetes, and a coverlet of Northfolk werke and 26*s.* 8*d.* for his hole yeres wages. To my lorde of Bruton a cruett of

[1] Leopard.

[2] In the Accounts of the Prioress of St. Mary de Pree is the following item, "Paid for the pitaunce atte Mary Mawdelyn tyd two tymes xxij*d.*" *Monast. Angl.* III, 359. *Medii Ævi Calendarium*, II, 263.

silver and gilt to serve him at his masse. To the prior of Charterhouse I bequeth an ale cup of silver and gilt with a cover to the same. To every chanon of the house of Bruton being priest 20*d.* at the day of my burying and to every novys 8*d.* I will that my executors fynde and maynteyn a taper of a lb. to brenne at all tymes convenient before the ymage of our blissed lady within the monastery of Bruton and specially at pardon masse tyme so longe as the sum of 20*s.* in money will endure. I will my said executors geve and distribute to prests and clerks and poor folks the day of my burying and for necessary causes concerning the same busynes and also in the day of my anniversary £40 of lawful money and if any money be left of the said summe in the ende my will is the same to be used for the most welth of my soule by the discrecion of the said executors and overseer. Item, my will is the said executors fynde oon of the chanons of the monastery of Bruton to singe at my later husbonds aulter daily within the s^d^ monastery praying for his soule, my soule and for all my good frendes soules from the day of my obite till the summe of £20 in money be cõm ũp, geving away the said chanons every weke 12*d.* of lawful money of Englonde.

Residue: Hugh Mallett and Thomas Michell (executors).

Supervisor: my cosyn John Horsey the eldest (to him 53*s.* 4*d.*).

In witness I have putto my seall.

Witnesses: my lord chief Justice Maister John FitzJames the yonger, Sir Robert Rotherham, Sir William Clement, and many moo.

In witness that I knowe this is the verey true will of my said mother-in-lawe I, John ffitzJames the elder, chief Justice of the King's benche have written this with myn own hande.

John FitzJames senior.

Codicill memorandum. October 4th, 1527.

I, Isabell FitzJames, of Bruton, widowe, over and above the said testament ffirst I will that my said testament and last will shall stonde in his full vertue and strength. Ffurthermore I will that the testor nowe being in the lowe chamber with the hangings aboute shall remayn there as it nowe is. I will that

my lord Abbot shal have a vestment of white damaske braunched with golde and crosse of red satyn in the name of my mortuary yf it please my lord Abbot so to accept it. If nay, then I will that my executors shall dispoase the same vestment for the welth of my soule in som other use. I will that Sir William Clement, priest, shal have a counterpoynt of verdor whiche nowe lyeth upon my bedde in the chamber. I will that Sir Robert Rotheram, parishe prest, shal have a counterpoynt of imagery which nowe lyes upon me. My cosyn, Alice Storke, shal have my best bonet and a frontlett of tawny velwet. Joane Compton, doughter to the said Alice, shal have my best worsted kirtell. Grace Dodyngton my seconde best worsted kirtell. My cosyn, Dorathe Grene, a gowne of chamlet with wyde slevys, purfilled with shanks. Annes Kaylway, now my servant, shal have a gowne of blak cloth lyned with bokeram and purfilled with black velwet. Item, a kirtell of blak chamlet that was last made and 26*s.* 8*d.* over and above hir wages. Maister Doctour Fontdeloroy shal have a spone of silver and gilte. My lord chief Justice shal have a cup of silver and gilt with a cover ordeyned for ale in a token of remembrance. My cosyn Baskitt's wife shall have a harte of golde which I have used to were aboute my necke. William Clements, scoler at Oxford, shal have a peire of blanketts, a bolster, and 26*s.* 8*d.* in money to his exhibicion. My scoler, Sir Richard Browne, 6*s.* 8*d.* Mawde Mede, my olde servant, a matres, a bolster, and a paire of blanketts. Joan Patche, my servant, two petycots.

Residue of all my goods I will shall be sold as it apperith in my testament.

Witnesses: My lady FitzJames, William Grene, Robert Chycke, Sir William Clement, and Sir Robert Rotheram, with divers others.

Proved in the cathedral church of St. Paul, London, October 23rd, 1527.

1526. WILLIAM FREMPTON.

[9 Porch.]

June 5th, 1526. William Frempton, burges of the citie of Wells. To be buried in the chapell of St. George in the parish

church of St. Cutberd of Wells "without pompe." And to bestow first to poor people being at my burying bred to the value of 26*s.* 8*d.* And to every prest of the same church being at my placebo, dirige, masses, and burying 12*d.* And to every clerk of the same being present at the same premisses 6*d.* And to every straunge prest saying masse the day of my burying in the said church 4*d.* Cathedral church of St. Andrew 12*d.* Reparacion of the high awter of St. Cutbert 12*d.* Maister Vicar of St. Cutbert for tithes forgotten 20*d.* Reparacion of St. Cutbert church 12*d.* St. George Chapell 6*s.* 8*d.* St. Katerine awter 3*s.* 4*d.* To every other awter of the same church halowed 8*d.* To the prest beyng my goostly father at the tyme of my deth 8*d.* Richard, my son, 20 marcs when he shall come to his laufull ages or when he shall be maried, if he die before then the said sum to be disposed in dedes of charitie, etc. My suster Margaret 10*s.* Walter Wall 10*s.* John Grauntham 10*s.* My executrix yerely for nyne years to pay to the prest synging and saying masse in the said chapell of St. George for my soule 26*s.* 8*d.* at foure termes of the yere there usuall.

Residue: Emmott, my wife (executrix).

Overseers: John Cutt, maister of the towne of Wells, Maister Thomas Rogers, Bachelor of Lawe, canon, and notary papall, John Tanner, and William Joyce, Burges of Wells (to each 6*s.* 8*d.*)

In witness whereof I have subscribed with myne owne hande.

Proved July 12th, 1526.

1526. NICHOLAS FRAUNCES.

[10 Porch.]

June 13th, 1526. Nicolas Fraunces, of Comeflory, in the diocese of Bathe. My body to be buried within the Ile of the chauntrye of our lady within Comeflory. To the cathedral church of Wells 10*s.* To the gray freres of Brigewater 20*d.* To the making of a crosse to the high awter of Comeflory £4. To every of my wayting servants their hole yere wages. To Elynor Sampford 40*s.* To every of my godchildren being alyve 12*d.*

Residue: Cecely, my wife (executrix).

Overseer: My good lord chief justice.

Witnesses: Sir John Haddon, curate, Sir John Goodhyn, clerk, Hugh Sampford, Geffrey Arundell.

Proved September 26th, 1526.

1526. JOHN CHAPER *ALS.* NICOLLS.

[10 PORCH.]

July 30th, 1526. John Chaper *als.* Nicolles, of Funtmell, in the diocese of Sarum. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Brewton in the diocese of Bath and Wells. To the mother church of Sarum 4*d.* To the maintenance of the parish church of Funtmell one heifer. To the parish church of Brewton 12*d.* To the chapel of Orchard in the parish of Funtmell 20*d.*

Residue: Edith, my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Walter Kyng, Roger Cowme, John Mayoo, of Orchard.

Witnesses: Robert Rotheram, chaplain of the parish of Brewton, Master William Towker, John Foyll, and John Clerk of the same. Dated at Brewton.

Proved August 25th, 1526.

Ultima voluntas. My will to stand.

I will that Edithe, my wife, there named shal have the use and disposicion of all my goods with the advice of the overseers. I will that she shal have to hir and to hir assignes foure closis of pasture lying within Thornton in the shyre of Dorset as apperith by an indinture betwyxt William Carrant, squire, and Elizabeth, his wife, in the oon parte and me, J. C. *als.* N., in the other parte, dated June 28th, 13 H. VIII. The tyme of the yeres not expressed as there is written in full and lawful possession. I will that the saide Edithe shal have foure closis of pasture and a medowe called prestlande in the marshe within the manor of Hendon which I purchased of John Sprynge and Edith, his wife, by the licence of Elizabeth Schelford, abbess of Shaftesbery, as it apperith by an indenture dated August 20th, 14 H. VIII., she to have the use and profit of the said purches as by the said indentures is evidently expressed to him and his assignes.

1526. JOHN DYRDOO.

[23 Porch.]

August 18th, 1526. John Dyrdoo. To be buried in the parish church of St. John Baptist in Yevell before St. Kateryn awter behynde the quere. Cathedral church of Wells, 12*d.* To the high awter 12*d.* Every godchild 12*d.* Julian Garland £6 13*s.* 4*d.* Richard hir suster £6 13*s.* 4*d.* Every prest in the quere 20*d.* Every oon of those persons rehersed by James Spede 2*d.* John Paynter 2*d.* Mathew Abere 2*d.* Richard Wynny 4*d.* John Kybbys 4*d.* John Goodwyn 4*d.* John Lewes 4*d.* James Mede 4*d.* Nicolas Lamberd 4*d.* German 4*d.* Ambros 4*d.* Richard Allwyn 4*d.* John Grene 4*d.* Richard Penkeny 2*d.* William Ketwyn 4*d.* William Everton 4*d.* William Dowte 4*d.* John Quarrell 2*d.* Joane Styllis 2*d.* John Castell 4*d.* John Kyng 4*d.* William Jenyn 4*d.* John Napper 2*d.* The almes house 8*d.* Henry Warde 2*d.* John Pyne 4*d.* John Etmet 4*d.* Annes Barnerd 2*d.* Water Dare 2*d.* John Sendall 2*d.* To the church of Compton Pansed 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: My wife, Emote (executrix).

All straungers that be poor to have a penny apece.

Overseers: William Plukenet, Thomas Chamberleyn (40*s.* each), my brother, John Dyrdo, of Trent, I geve him all things that is betwyxt hym and me and all things that he doth occupy of myn and 2 shirts, 2 dobletts, 2 gownes, 2 cappes, 2 paire of hosyn. My wif to have my house during my yeres and after her to remayn to Julyan Garland, my wife not to meddle with noo goodes that be in the landes of my kynnesfolks saving the shepe that be in their hands, of William Pluknett 2 oxen, oon oxe in the hands of Thomas Chamberleyn.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Adams, Gregory Everton, William Hayne, John Leke.

Proved September 20th, 1527.

1526. WILLIAM BURGES.

[10 Porch.]

August 24th, 1526. William Burges, of Batcome, in the county of Somerset. To be buried in cristen buriall. To the

cathedral churche of Wells 20*d.* To our lady churche of Batcome 20*s.* I geve to the Abbey of Bruton to be praid for there by the space of fyve yeres, every yere 52*s.* To every oon of my soones that be Bachelers £20. To every oon of my doughters unmarried £10.

Executors: My wife [called Joan in the Probate], and my sonne Robert.

Overseers: Maister Walton, of Bruton, and John Blyke, of Westcome (to each 6*s.* 8*d.*).

Witnesses: Richard Baldwyn, Thomas Bury, William Curteys.

Proved August 28th, 1526.

1526. WILLIAM SYMSON.

[3 Jankyn.]

August 25th, 1526. William Symson to be buried within the parish church of Parlock yf so fortune that I dye in that parishe, to that church 13*s.* 4*d.*, or else if that I dye in any other parish but 6*s.* 8*d.* Everych of my godchildren 4*d.* Davy Symson my sonne an iren bounde wayne.

Residue: Margaret my wife.

Overseer: Maister Richard Philipps.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Corie, Water Rawlyn, Davy Symson.

Proved March 20th, 1528.

1526. JOAN COPPE.

[19 Porch.]

October 14th, 1526. Joan Coppe of Brushford, to be buried in the church of St. Michael of Brushford. To St. Michael aforsaid, 20*s.* with my best dish; to the B.M. one sheep; to the lights of the dead one sheep, to the fabric of the church of St. Andrew of Wells 4*d.* Henry Serne 40*s.* To the curate of the said church 3*s.* 4*d.* Christine my daughter all my clothes, [and] utensils (one tunic alone excepted, which I give to John Mere). Joan Galowan one heifer.

Residue: William Westhorne my son (executor).

Witnesses: Sir Philip Sampson, Thomas Mellyns, John Nicholl.

Proved May 5th, 1527.

1526. WILLIAM MOONE.

[12 Porch.]

October 14th, 1526. William Mone of Hengistrege in the diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the church of St. Michael of Hengistrege. To the cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the high altar of Hengistrege 20*d.* To St. James one heifer (*vaccam juvencam*). To the brotherhood of the B.M. of Hengistrege one steer (*bovem juvencum*). For burial in the church of Hengistrege 6*s.* 8*d.* To have an honest chaplain to celebrate in the church of Hengistrege for one year [blank].

Residue: Cristina my wife (executrix).

Overseers: William Lock, Alexander Melior (to whom 20 ewes).

Witnesses: Sir Walter Heys, John Darke, Thomas Lipatt.

Proved November 13th, 1526.

1526. JOHN COKE.

[12 Porch.]

October 16th, 1526. John Coke of the parish of Babington. To be buried in the churchyard of St. John the Baptist of Frome. Cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* To the light of the high cross in the church of St. John Baptist of Frome 12*d.* To the maintenance of the church of St. Margaret of Babington 4*d.* To the light of St. Katerine of Babington 4*d.* To Agnes my wife 20 marcs. To William, Edward, and Francis my sons, and to Joan my daughter 40*s.* (each).

Residue: Joan Cooke my mother.

Witnesses: Sir William Fissher, John Dorset, notary.

Proved January 10th, 1526.

1526. ELIZABETH CAYLEWAYE.

[15 Porch.]

October 20th, 1526. Dame Elizabeth Cayleway, widow, of the parish of Hutton in the county of Somerset. To be buried

within the chauncell of the parish church of Hutton or ells within such place as it shall please God at the time of my departing out of this transitory world. To the high awter of the said parish church of Hutton for my offeryngs and tithes negligently forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* To the reparacion of the said church 40*s.*, or ells to the use of the said church as my sonne Thomas Payne shall think best to Godds pleasure and my soule helth. To the monastery of Mynchyn Bucklonde 6*s.* 8*d.* To the charterhouse of Wittam 6*s.* 8*d.* To the mother church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To my doughter Mary a ryng of golde with a stone therin, a crosse of gold with foure litell pearles, and a flatt pece of silver. To the howse of Worspryng 5 marcs.

Residue: To my sonne Thomas Payne all my goodes moveable, etc. (executor).

Witnesses: Thomys Hanson, clerk, my goostly fader, chosen at this present tyme and notary publique, John Tylly, and William Yong.

Proved January 30th, 1526.

1526. JOHN WALLE *ALS.* HAMLYN.

[12 Porch.]

October 26th, 1526. John Walle, *alias* Hamlyn, of Evyll. My body to be buried within the churchyarde of St. John Baptist in Evyll in the right side of the brode Aley before the great yew tree. To the mother church of Wells 12*d.* To the said church of Evill that I and my wife may be putt [in the] comyn bederoll 6*s.* 8*d.* To the same church to the maynteyning of the bells and other ornaments there 10 yewes and a kowe for to contynue in a stock for the said church behove. My doughter Gertrude for hir mariage £10. John Walle my eldest sonne my tenement at the Vagg with the appurtenances. To Robert my sonne half my flock of shepe, and as for all my other children to be at the disposicion of Alice my wife. To the freres of Ilchester to be praid for 3*s.* 4*d.* To the freres of Dorchester to be praid for 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Alice my wife (executrix).

Overseer: Maister John Sydenham, the yonger, he to have for his labor oon of my mowes of rye corne.

Witnesses: Maister William Forde, Vicar of Evill, John Dowle, John Clevedon, and John Skarr.

Proved November 13th, 1526.

1527. THOMAS LANGDON.

[24 Porch.]

April 2nd, 1527. Thomas Langdon, parishioner of Crokhorne. To be buried in the conventuall church of Canonlegh. William my elder sonne 4 ewes with 4 lambs and a heffour. To every of the said William's children a shepe. To thelder John of my sonnes a stere, 4 yewes, 4 lambys, and half the ferm of Purlington and to every of his children a shepe. Robert my sonne 20 ewes with their lambes, and so many ewes and lambys I bequeath to Joane my wife which Joan shall first chuse and then Robert, and to the said Robert and Joan thoder half of my said ferme. To the second John of my sonnes 20 ewes, and 20 lambes, and 2 heffers. To my said sons William, John, Robert, and John, 100 wedders. Margaret my doughter 40*s.* 40*s.* to his child yet unborn. To John Waglande 42*s.* To the store of St. Martyns in North Perot church oon ewe and a lamb. To Robert Broke a kowe so that he will pay to the fraternite of Brode Wynsor 5*s.* To the parson of Crokhorne for tithes forgotten 12*d.* Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.*

Residue: Joane my wife (executrix).

Overseers: Maister Nicholas Langdon, William Langdon my sons (each 20*s.*)

Witnesses: Maister Edward Hawell, Vicar of Burliscombe, John Irishe, John Crovder, John Harries, William Keat, Sir John Goolde, John Waglande.

Proved October 16th, 1527.

1527. JOHN BARBOR.

[19 Porch.]

April 26th, 1527. John Barbor to be buried in the churchyard of B.M. of Marston [Magna]. To the blessed Andrew of Wells 8*d.* To the sacrament in the high altar of Marston for tithes forgotten 5*s.* To blessed Mary in the chapel 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Richard Barbor my father, and Elizabeth my wife (executors).

Overseer: The Rector of Compton [Cūton].

Witnesses: John Rowsewell vicar there, Henry Cunys, Thomas Wasdon.

Proved May 15th, 1527.

1527. EDWARD HOWELL *ALS.* TROWBRIDGE.

[8 Jankyn.]

May 3rd, 1527. Edward Howell *als.* Trowbrigge to be buried in the chauncell of Dartington. I leave to my successor of Dartington 40*s.* for his dilapidations, 40*s.* to be distributed among por people of the parish of Dartington. To my successor of Aishebrittell for dilapidations 40*s.* 40*s.* to be distributed among por people of my parish of Aishebritell. Towards the mayntenance of the bretherreden prest of Dartington for three years, each yere, 13*s.* 4*d.* to pray for the souls of Hugh Howell and Alice his wife and for the soul of Edward. To a preist to singe for the said soules in the parish church of Dartington oon yore £6 13*s.* 4*d.* My servant John Capurne 6*s.* 8*d.* above his wages. John Symon my moreman 3*s.* 4*d.* above his wages. To Oriall College in Oxford for payment of foure pounds which I am in dett there a goblett with a cover and thre litle salts and if they will not take this plate for the said payment that then the executors of this my testament paye the £4 reserving the plate to their own use. Every godchild 4*d.* Maister William Parkhouse 40*s.* and my scarlet gown. Sir John Pownde parson of Hackum 20*s.* and my violet gowne.

Residue: Henry Toker and Margery his wife, James Howell the yonger, Peter Reynold, Andrew Stoky and to William Aisshele theldest of the sunnys of Thomas Aisshele whom I make my executors. All my dettors of my two parishes that be poor men whose names are contained upon Henry Toker's bill half their dett to pray for me.

The aforesaid James, Petir and William to be ordered by my overseers till they be of lawful age.

Overseers: Maister William Parkhous and Sir John Pownde parson of Hackum.

Witnesses: Maister John Ryder preest, John Toker, merchant of Totnes.

Proved June 14th, 1529.

[Testator was instituted Rector of Ashbrittle, December 26th, 1510. *Somerset Incumbents*, 309.]

1527. JOANE SERNE.

[21 Porch.]

May 11th, 1527. Johane Serne widowe of the parish of Shepton Malett, my body to be buried in holy grave: mother church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the bells of the parish church of Shepton Mallet 12*d.* To the four lights of the same church 16*d.* To our lady of the brotherhed in the same church my wedding ring of golde. To our lady of Corsecome one ringe of golde. To every of the three sonnes of John Philipps six silver spones. Alice Marke of Bruton one silver spone. Agnes Marke wedowe, my best gowne, one kerchefe, one smocke, one ffetherbed, one paire of blanketts. Sir John Michell my curate 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: John Philipps and his brother George Philipps (executors).

Overseer: Thomas Strowde (to him 6*s.* 8*d.*)

Witnesses: Sir John Michell, curate, William Clerke.

Proved July 9th, 1527.

1527. JOHN GIBBES.

[26 Porch.]

July 10th, 1527. John Gibbes of Nony thelder. To be buried in the church of Nony before the high crosse. Cathedral church of Wells 2*s.* To the church of Nony 26*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: Agnes my wife (executrix) and Alice my doughter.

Overseers: Thomas Bomffyle gent. (to him 20*s.*) and Philip Horner (to him 10*s.*)

Witnesses: Sir Richard Basing, parson of Nony, Thomas Bamffyle[1] gent. Philipp Horner, Thomas Chansler, John Gibbes the yonger, William Gibbes.

Proved December 7th, 1527.

[1] MS. Banisfyle.

1527. JOANE CHAMPNEYS.

[25 Porch.]

September 2nd, 1527. Joane Champneys, gentilwoman, to be buried in the chapell of St. Andrewe within the parish church St. John Baptist in Frome Selwood. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Parish church of Frome a bason with an ewer of silver and parte gilt. To our lady a girdell of blewe velwet with silver and gilt. To the high crosse light 12*d.* To every stonding light in the church 6*d.* My doughter Emme my best salt of silver and gilt with a cover and a pomaunder of silver. To my doughter Anne six of my best spones. To Maister Richard Kerton's wife my secunde beads of corall and a gowne of blak pewke lyned with cloth. Maistres Joane Strode a swagid pece of silver and oon of my worst salts of silver without a cover. Sir Richard Ashe a swaged pece of silver. To Henry Gibbons my best maser. To every prest servyng in the parish church of Frome 20*d.* To Maister Prior of the Charterhouse in Wytham 40*s.* to be myn overseer.

Residue: Maister Henry Gaynsford and Sir Richard Asshe (executors).

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Philips, curat, Sir Philip Jorden, James Kyng, Henry Gibbens, John Vorsett, per me Dom. Thomam Philips manu propria.

Proved November 15th, 1527.

1527. JOHN WITDECOMBE.

[23 Porch.]

September 3rd, 19 Hen. VIII. [1527]. John Witdecombe gentilman, my body to be buried in Our Lady chapel within the parish church of Martoke within the countie of Somerset in the south side of the said chapel. To the cathedral church of Wells 20*d.* To the church of Martoke 40*s.* To the church of Lamport 10*s.* To the Abbot and Covent of Mochelney 20*s.* for Dirige and Masse of requiem for my soule solempnely to be had there both the day of my obit and the day of my moneth mynde. To the Prior and covent of Mountague 20*s.* for like service to be had there at the said times. To the Freres of Yevelchester to sing a trentall for my soul there in as short time

as they conveniently may 10*s.* To the Freres of Briggewater 10*s.* for a like trentall. To the white Freres and to the Temple Freres of Bristowe wherof I am a brother for a like trentall 2*s.* 6*d.* each. To every prest servying in the church of Merstock aforesaid 2*s.* 6*d.* for a trentall of either of theym to be said for my soule. To the graduate man that shall say a sermon the day of my burial 6*s.* 8*d.* To every prest that shall be at my Dirige and Masse of my obite 8*d.* To fyve pour men in the Worship of the Fyve Wounds of Crist 15 brode yerds of blak cloth to make theym gownes and whoods, and also 4*d.* in money for each of them to bere oon torch the day of my burying and in like wise at my moneths mynde. To him that shalbe cheef in doyng the service at my burying, as Abbot, Prior or suche other Prelate 6*s.* 8*d.*, but yf he be under such degrees then to have but after the discretion of myn executours. To every clerk at mannes estate syngyng at my dirige and masse of my obitt 4*d.* To every childe syngyng there at the same tyme 4*d.* To every of my susters 20*s.* and to every of their childern 3*s.* 4*d.* To my brother William Witdecombe all my wering gere as gownes, dobletts and jaketts except a gowne of damaske and a gown of violett in grayn with their furres which gown of violett in grayne with his said furre I bequeth to Sir John Scutt. To Joane Buckehm̃ my servant £4 to hir mariage. To Alice my wife my dwelling house in Martoke with all my custume holdings during hir widowhed and noo lenger, and if she mary or die, then my brother William Witdecombe to have my dwelling house and custume holdings. To Alice my said wife such porcion of plate as I lymyted to hir appering by a bill doble signed with myn own hand. To my said brother William such porcion of plate as I lymyted to him appering by the same bill. The residue of all my plate except 2 standing cuppes covered the oon wherof I have bequest to Maister John Glyn provest of Stoke and the other to my cosyn Richard Phelipps to their labours about my will to be perfourmed, I have lymyted for the bilding of a house in Martoke aforsaid for a chauntry prest to enhabite in whiche I shall ordeyn to serve there for my soul by the disposition of the said maister John Glynne and Richard Phelipps. Also I will the residue of all my movable goods as well utensils of houshold within dore and

without as catall and corne shall be dispoased after my deth by the said maister John Glynne and Richard Phelipps, partely to the use of William my brother and partely to the use of Alice my wife. And the residue therof towards the building of the said house and for ornaments of my chauntry and for other charitable dedes, and my debts which shall be recovered shall be disposed to the same effects. Also, by these presents I doo declare my last will upon my dede of feoffement made to Nicholas Wadham knyght, Andrewe Lutterell knyght, Hugh Powlatt Esq., Baldewyn Malett Esq., John Cave, John Walshe, Thomas Newton gentilman, John Mason clerk, Thomas Rowceter clerk, Water Tucker, John Lavor, Henry Trott and Thomas Meker, dated September 2nd, yere abovesaid, as folows. First, I will my said feoffees in as short time as convenient after my deth by their sufficient dede in the Lawe make astate unto Alice my wife of all the lands and tenements in the said dede in Witdecombe, Bowrehenton, Cote, Lymborough, in the parish of Martock, Kyngsbury, Drayton, Fyvehed, Crukhorne, Graynton, Edyngton, Langportestover, Langportweston, Southwike and Frome Selwood, to have and to hold to her for her life. The remaynder of the said lands (except those in Bowrehenton, Langporteston, Langportwestover and Southwike) to William Witdecombe my brother and to his heirs and for lack of such to John Sherewill and to his heirs and for lack of such, to the right heirs of me the said John Witdecombe for ever. The remaynder of the lands in Bowrehenton to Water Pole and his heirs, he and they keping yerely a solempne obite with Dirige and Masse in the parish church of Martocke for the soules of me, Alice my wife, John and Joan my father and mother, and for lack of issue to the said Water Pole, to Thomas Wareham and to his heirs, he and they doing the same, and for lack of issue to the said Thomas Wareham, to John Sherewill and to his heirs, keping a like obite in the said church and for defaute of such heirs to remain to the right heires of me forever. Also I will there be spent and laid out in meate and drynke yerely at every of the said obits by theym afore rehersed as shell kepe them to prests and clerks singing thereat, *6s. 8d.* Also the remainder of the lands and tents in Langporteston, Langportweston and Southwike to

Thomas Wareham and to his heirs males, he and keping yerely in the church aforsaid within the church of Langport a solempne obit for the said soules and also for the soules of William Shurte and Cristian his wife and bestowing yerely thereat 13*s.* 4*d.* that is to say (6*s.* 8*d.*) for bred, chese and drynke for prests and clerks reward redyng and singing thereat, and the other 6*s.* 8*d.* to be distributed yerely in bred to poor people to be dealed, to pray for the soules abovesaid, and for lack of issue of the said Thomas Wareham, the remainder to John Sherewill and to his heires males, he and they doing likewise in oon of the said churches, and for lack of such issue, to remain to Water Pole and his heires, doing likewise, and for lack of such issue to John Stary of Tyntenhull and to his heires, doing likewise. Also I will William Courteney knyght, Nicholas Wadeham knyght, Philipp Champeron Esq., Baldewyn Malett Esq., Edward Rogers, Henry Thorneton and Henry Rogers being feoffees with George Rogers Esq., and John Skilling nowe dede of my manor of Witdecombe with the members of the same in the parish of Martok by my dede indented dated December 13th, 13 Hen. VIII. being now seased of a parcell therof as apperith by my dede indented, dated December 10th, the same year, of covenants and agreements made between the said George Rogers of the oon partie and me the said John Witdecombe of the other partie to the use of me the said John Witdecombe for terme of my life and after my decesse to the use of William Witdecombe and Elisabeth his wife and their heirs and for lack of such to the use of my right heirs, shall be from thensforth seased of the said parcell of the said manor not only to the use of me but after my decease to the use of the said William and Elisabeth and their heirs, but also for lack of such issue to the use of the heirs of the said William Witdecombe and for lack of such to the use of the heirs of me the said John Witdecombe forever.

Executors: maisters John Glyn and my cosyn Richard Phelipps with this condicion that if the said Richard Phelipps can within oon moneth of my decease clerely discharge himself of and froo all such troubills as he is again our soueraign Lord and King. And if noo, then maister John Glyn shal be my sool executor.

Supervisors: My Lord the Prior of Mountague and Sir Nicholas Wadeham, knyght, and to each of them 40*s.*

Witnesses: Sir John Mason, clerk, vicar of Martoke, John Walshe, Esq., William Witdecombe, Thomas Wareham and William Danyell and for further credence to be given to these presents I have putt my seall and subscribed it with myn own hand.

Proved St. Paul's, London, October 9th, 1527.

1527. THOMAS LYMBRYE.

[35 Porch.]

November 4th, 1527. Thomas Lymbrye to be buried in the churchyard of St. Andrew of Compton Dunden. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To St. Andrew of Compton Dunden a cow, the secund best. To the church of Walton 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Strete 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Butley 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Borton [Barton] 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Kynweston 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Kynton 3*s.* 4*d.* To each of my spiritual sons a sheep. John Lymbry my son, the best apparel of my body, viz.: *togam tunicam cum manicis*[1] *et deploidem*, and 20 marcs, 6 silver spoons, a fetherbed after the death of my wife. Thomas L. my nephew and godson a certain wagon (*plaustrum*) after the death of my wife. John Hurde my best tunic "*cum manicis.*" William L. another tunic. Richard Hurde £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Joan my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir John Benet curate there, John Hurde, John Lymbry.

Proved July 2nd, 1528.

1527. HENRY SEWARD.

[34 Porch.]

November 26th, 1527. Henry Seward of Childe Compton esquier. To be buried in the parish church of St. John Bapt. of Childe Compton. To the highe awter of the same church 12*d.* Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* Parish church of Alhalowen in

[1] Sleeves.

Dunkerton 20*d.* Parish church of Radstoke 12*d.* William Popeley of Bristol to have the manor of Stony Litelton in the parish of Welowe in exchange of and for the manor of Henton Blewet which the said W. P. hath of my graunt, bargeyn and sale and also in recompence of £40 which I have lately received of him beforetyme for the said manor of Stony Litelton over and above £212 14*s.* which I received of him for the said manor of Henton Blewet. My executors to take some reasonable way of agreement with Richard Barons, gentilman, for £27 13*s.* 4*d.*, which is due to him for discharging of all such right and title which he claymed in the said manor of Stony Litelton and also with Maister Mundye, alderman of London, for such detts as my brothers Thomas Seward and William Enderby are bound to him for me, and also with Ede Sheperd for such detts as she claimeth John Aleyne to be suertie for, so that he may be discharged thereof.

Executors: Symond Seward clerk my brother, William Popley of Bristol, John Aleyn.

Witnesses: My brother Thomas Seward gentilman, John Preser, Thomas Webbe.

Proved June 19th, 1528.

1527. JOHN BABYR.

[28 Porch.]

January 7th, 1527. John Babyr of Chewestoke, husbondman. To be buried in the parish church of Chewe in the myddill of the aley of the church before the high crosse. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the parish church of Chewe 6*s.* 8*d.* To the chapell of Our Lady of Chewe 3*s.* 4*d.* Church of Stoke 3*s.* 4*d.* Parish church of Wynford 20*d.* Church of Nempnett 20*d.* Sir John Barry my goostly father 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Isabell my wife and John my yongest son (executors).

Witnesses: Sir John Barry parson there, Sir William Jonys, Robert Keyfte, Thomas Buck.

Proved February 14th, 1527.

1527. JOHN HALLEY.

[28 Porch.]

February 1st, 1527. John Halley. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Andrew at Aller. Cathedral church of Wells 6*d.* Parish church of Aller a kowe. My children half of all my goodes, and to my wife the other half. My detts to be paid of the wolle and all such londes as I have bought; I will that my wife have it and dispose it to her children as she thinks best. William Woderove 2 steryes and a kowe, ffreres of Brigewater 20*s.* William Halley a gelding and my wife to fynde him rayment a certayn space.

My wife to be my executrix.

Witnesses: William Balche, Thomas Moore chaplain.

Proved February 10th, 1527.

1527. ALICE HENSLEY.

[14 Jankyn.]

February 21st, 1527. Alice Hensley of Porloke. To be buried in the churchyard of Porloke. To the store of the church of St. Dubricius of Porloke 6*s.* To the store "Sancti Salvatoris" in the parish of Lucõm 20*d.* To the store "Sancti Cullani" 20*d.* To the store of St. Olave in the parish of Porloke 20*d.* To each of my godchildren 4*d.* (*Singulis filiis meis levatis a fonte*). To Joan my daughter my best gown, my best bonnet (*pilium*) *unum lintheamen* called "a knytter" and two silver spoons. Hugh Hensley 6 silver spoons and one pece or *ciphum* of silver called a peace and my best girdle. These legacies to remain in the custody of my sons Edward and Robert untill Hugh's lawful age. To the store of the B.M.V. of Pilton my wedding ring (*anulum meum quam recepi ad nupcias*). My executors to make one tomb over the burial place of my husband dead and buried in the church of Porloke, viz.: in the chauncell there and another tomb over my burial place and that of my mother in the churchyard of the parish of Porloke.

Residue: Robert Hensley my son (executor).

Witnesses: Henry Debber, John Carter.

Proved December 10th, 1529.

152-. THOMAS STRETE.

[29 PORCH.]

March 6th, 152[blank]. Thomas Strete of Mells clothyar, to be buried in the church of Mells. Cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Mells a black pair of vestments of black velwet with white corses rysing owt grave with a chalys. Item, an honest prest a yere in Mells church to pray for my soule and all Christian souls. Charterhouse of Wytham 10*s.* Church of Westerley 6*s.* 8*d.* John my sonne the borde in the parlour with the fformys and trestills there, the borde in the hall with the fformys and trestills there with all the implements, with all the basons and ewers standing upon the chymney in the hall with the barrys of Iron in the hall in the chymney with almaner of pothoks and hangings with a great panne standing in the chymney, the woode vaat with the furnys with 2 great stonys standing in the wall with 2 great awndyrens. John my sonne my white standing cup with a cover with my great maser, with a great coffer standing over the hall and my best gowne, also my best coverlett after the widowhode of my wife. To John my sonne and Robert my sonne my best doseyn of sponys. Robert my sonne my ferther end of my wodewyne, that is to say, the ende next the brigge and to John my sonne the next parte of the wodwyne enioyning unto Robert. Robert my sonne my gilt cup with a cover, with £20 with 2 newe croks with a fetherbed with almaner of stuffe that belongith therto and my 2nd gowne with my chamlet doblet. John my sonne my olde Recke and Robert my sonne my newe Reck. Cristian my doughter my nutte with a cover and 6 sponys with flatte ends. Thomas my son and to Edward my sonne £30. William Strete a Trucker cloth, William Fisher 6*s.* 8*d.* Sir Stevyn Edmonds 10*s.* John Hardwyke, clerk, 12*d.* Agnes Strete my red paire of bedes which was a quest Cristian bedes (*sic*).

Residue: John my son and Margaret my wife (executors).

Witnesses: Sir Stevyn Edmonds curat, John Pery, Henry Plesande, William Hoper.

Proved April 3rd, 1528.

1528. HENRY HOWE.

[2 JANKYN.]

March 26th, 1528. Henry Howe of Stauligth, to be buried within the towre and church of Stauligth. Cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* Sir William Crosse my curate for forgotten tithes 6*s.* 8*d.* The freres of our lady in Bristowe 6*s.* 8*d.*, gray freres in Brigewater 6*s.* 8*d.*, black freres in Exeter 6*s.* 8*d.*, every godchild man and woman (each) 12*d.*

Residue: Agnes my wif (executrix).

Overseers: Sir Adam Lewys, John Budde, thelder.

Witnesses: Sir John Crosse person, John Benett, John Foster, John Barley, John Budde the yonger, Henry Howe, Richard Howe.

Proved February 23rd, 1528.

Ultima Voluntas.

There shall burne a taper of wax before our lady in the North part of the church to the summe of 18*d.* by the yeir by the wardeyns of the church to be repaired and there to burne to almaner divine service also to be paid by my heire next ensuyng, also another taper to burne within the church of Luxborowe like case to be maynteyned as is before rehersid. Also my will is that every parish church as hereafter doth appere shall have and have had 6*s.* 8*d.* every of them except two as hereafter doth appere. Ashbritell, Kyttisford, Ronyngton, Buckland, Bursecombe, Wellington, Badyalton, Chipstapull, Clayhanger, Thorne, Hewys Chameflowr, Loxborowe, Hilferons, Norton, Radyngton, Teverton; Sampford Peverel 3*s.* 4*d.*, Samford Arundell 3*s.* 4*d.*

1528. WILLIAM CRAS.

[37 PORCH.]

April 5th, 1528. William Cras of the parish of Alverton, to be buried in the church of B.M.V. of Wedmore. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the high altar of Alverton 12*d.* To the fabric of the church or chapel of Alverton 2 bushels of corn. To the fabric of the church of B.M. of Wedmore for my burial 6*s.* 8*d.* To the fabric of the church of St. Andrew of Compton episcopi 6*s.* 8*d.*, to John Cras my son £6 13*s.* 4*d.*,

et omnia sua peculia et bona castrencia quasi castrencia adventicia ac profecticia sine diminicoe cum meliori clausura frumenti apud Wybbenton. To Thomas Cras my son sheep, oxen and cows with furniture of the house and implements (*fallaria*) and the corn sown belonging to me and 100 rams at Wybbenton and a fourth part of the meadow which formerly I held at Redclefe. To John Bullockeherd, son of my second wife 1 heifer. To Isabel my daughter £10. To each boy whom I have taken at the sacred font 4*d.* To my nephew, son of Phillip Symons 1 heifer. Sir Robert Methey 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Edith my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Robert Methey curate there, Nicholas Watener, Thomas Brownyng.

Proved September 1st, 1528.

1528. JOAN CARTER.

[33 Porch.]

April 14th, 1528. Joan Cartre, widowe of the parish of Croscombe. To be buried in the church of Croscombe. Cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the high awter of the church of Croscombe for tithyngs forgotten 2*s.* To my sonne John Carter a nutte which was his graundfathers, a quarter of woode and a pype of oyle. To the church of Dyndre 3*s.* 4*d.* To the chapell of Wormystre 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Wotton 12*d.* Joseph the sonne of John Carter 40*s.* Michael the sonne of John Carter 40*s.* Mary the doughter of John Carter 3 silver sponys with angles [angels] at the endes. My son Sir Richard Carter a litell cupp of silver with a cover, a pair of corall bedes of fyve sett with the paternosters of silver and a fetherbed with a drafte[1] of dornyx. To every of my godsonnes 16*d.*, and to every of my goddoughters a brason panne. To Elizabeth the doughter of John Cok of London my best bedys and 18 peces of pewter. Elyn the doughter of the said John Carter my best gurdill. Owen Porter my sonne-in-lawe a quarter of woode and a hoggishede of oyle. To John Deneham my servant a bale of woode.

Residue: Edmonde my sonne (executor).

[1] Draught, 61 lbs. weight of wool [Wright].

Overseers: John Carter and Owen Porter, to each half a bale of woode.

Witnesses: John Coke, John Morys, John Carter, Owen Porter.

Proved June 12th, 1528.

1528. JOHN BOYS.

[35 Porch.]

April 15th, 1528. John Boyes. To be buried in the church of B.M. of Mudford. To the cathedral church of Wells 20*d.* To the church of Mudford 6*s.* 8*d.* and a cow. To B.M. in the said church 3*s.* 4*d.* To my curate 3*s.* 4*d.* To my son George a bullock of two years. To my son John all the beds (*triclinia*) after the death of my wife.

Residue: to my wife (executrix), who shall give half of my goods to my daughter Cecily after my death.

Overseer: Mag. John Horsey, junior (to him 20*s.*).

Witnesses: Sir John Schette, curat, Nicholas Rogers, Ralph Stone.

Proved July 12th, 1528.

1528. ROBERT BAMWELL.

[33 Porch.]

May 1st, 1528. Robert Bamwell of the parish of Wyncawnton in the diocese of Bath and Wells. To be buried in the churchyard of Wyncawnton. To the mother church of Wells 8*d.* To our lady light in the chapell of Wincawnton 12*d.* To the Rode light 12*d.* To St. Nicolas light 12*d.*, a prykatt of 4*d.* to be sett before St. Andrewe in Wyncawnton church. Joan my wife to have all my londes and tenements that I have within the borough of Wincawnton during hir widowhode and afterwarde the house that I dwell in to remayne to George Bamwell my sonne and to his heires. Also the tenement that William Carver dwellith in I will it remayn to Thomasyn my doughter and to the heires of hir body. Edward my sone shall have a tenement called Mighells and to his heires. John Ussher and Mary my doughter shal have a tenement that William Bamwell my brother dwellith in and to the heires of Mary's body lawfully begotten.

William Churcheley shal have a tenement called Abrahams and to his heires. Robert Midwynter and Elyanor my doughter shal have 40*s*. William Carver shall have my house that he dwellith in for 5*s*. a yere till my doughter Thomasyn come to her age. John Ludwell shal have 21 shepe and 10 lambys. Andrewe Marche shall have 20 sheep and a mare and a colte. William Bamwell my brother shall have 40*s*.

Residue: Joane my wife and Edward my sonne (executors).

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Adams, curat, Hugh Wekes, John Ludwell, William Banwell.

Proved May 26th, 1528.

1528. PHILIP BARNABE.

[33 Porch.]

May 6th, 1528. Philip Barnabe. To be buried in the church of Staverdell. To the mother church of Wells 4*d*. To the church of Staverdell 6*s*. 8*d*. To the two chauntrye prests 13*s*. 4*d*. Church of Penne 6*s*. 8*d*. Sir William Fligge 6*s*. 8*d*. Arthur Markworte 10*s*. John Andrewes 6*s*. 8*d*. To his wife 3*s*. 4*d*. John Taillour 6*s*. 8*d*. To the prior of Charterhouse a goblet of silver. John Arthure 6*s*. 8*d*. Richard Kyndall 6*s*. 8*d*. To his wife 3*s*. 4*d*. William Baily my servant 10*s*., my tawny cote, my bowe and my arrowes that is mete for him. Richard Wyslowe 6*s*. 8*d*. To his wife 20*d*. John Porter 6*s*. 8*d*. Edward Whaffer 3*s*. 4*d*. George Mone 3*s*. 4*d*. Margery Rooff 6*s*. 8*d*. 20*s*. to be gevyn among poor people at my buryinge and 20*s*. att my monethes mynde.

Residue: James Brice and John Rooff (executors).

Witnesses: Sir William Fligge, parson of Bayfor, Richard Wynslowe, Thomas Mathewe.

Proved May 26th, 1528.

1528. JOHN BAUMPFELDE.

[40 Porch.]

May 13th, 1528. John Baumpfelde to be buried in holy buriall. To the moder church of the diocese of Bathe 20*d*. To the church of Hemyngton 6*s*. 8*d*. To the high awter there 6*s*. 8*d*. Church of Buklonde Denam 3*s*. 4*d*., church of Mells 3*s*. 4*d*.,

church of Frome 6*s.* 8*d.*, church of Hardington, such ornaments as I bought for it. To my [son] William Baumpfelde the ferme of Torneworth with all those years that shal be to come after my daies of my purchis of the said ferme with 500 shepe of the best that be upon it of myn. Nicolas my sonne the purches of the manor of Flyntford with 20 nobills that doth remayn in the fermers handes of fflyntford. Anne Baumpfelde my doughter £100. Joan Baumpfelde my doughter 100 marcs. Isbell Baumpfelde 100 marcs for her mariage. Edithe Anctell £40. John Baumpfelde sonne of Thomas Baumpfelde my best fetherbedd with the bolster. Hugh Baumpfelde my sonne all my purches londes that lyeth in Rode and Bekington called Karsley and Lele Rewe for term of yeres after my decease, and also a purches that I have in the parish of Cumton besides Shaftisbery, the which is called Hyllyn and a goblet of silver with a cover weying 27½ oz. after 6 angeletts weight to the unce and a goblett gilte weying 18 unces without a cover, and a standing cup gilt with a cover weying 20½ oz. and a Ire bounde wene and my best coverlett with the best carpett after his moders daies. To my son Thomas Baumpfelde my gilt cupp with the cover that I bought of William Anctell and my gretest pott of brasse and my gretest panne of brasse, and a table cloth of diaper, and my signet of golde and my great stonyn trowe, and my gretist malt whiche[1] and the milne with half the bedsteds, and my great table borde. To Mary Fulbroke a fetherbedde and a coverled etc. My doughter Dorathe 2 kyne and 2 of my greatest sponys. To Robert my son at Sarum 40*s.* Provising in case his children die before 18 years of age, in which case he bequeaths the following legacies :—Emme Baumpfelde daughter of Thomas Baumpfelde is mentioned. To the houses of Henton and Wyttam £10 each. To the blak freres of Sarum 66*s.* 8*d.* Dorathe my daughter £10. Edithe Baumpfelde my daughter £10. To the house of Bath £10. To the house of Edington £10. Richard Baumpfelde sonne of Thomas Baumpfelde and William Baumpfelde my son, Mary Baumpfelde £4 3*s.* 4*d.* If Hugh dies his lands to go to Water Baumpfelde sonne of Thomas Baumpfelde.

Residue : My wife Joan (executrix).

[1] Chest : the same word as *hutch.*

Overseer: My son Thomas, to whom I bequeath my trotting gelding.

Sealed with my seal.

Witnesses: Thomas Baumpfelde, Sir William Fissher, Sir Hugh Dodde.

Proved November 11th, 1528.

1528. HENRY BERDE.

[41 Porche.]

August 19th, 1528. Henry Berde of Kynmersdon. To be buried in the churche of SS. Peter and Powle of Kynmersdon to which church 6*s.* 8*d.* To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* church of Wyrlyngton 20*d.*, church of Howcome [Holcombe] 20*d.*, church of Babynton 20*d.*, church of Chuiton 6*s.* 8*d.*

Residue: John my sonne (executor).

Overseers: Symon Ashman and John Come.

Witnesses: Sir James Harwoode, Vicar, Symon Lacy.

Proved December 7th, 1528.

1528. SIR GEORGE SPEKE, KNT.

[39 Porch.]

September 6th, 1528. George Speke, knyght, my body to be buried whereas by Gods mercy I shall hereafter declare, that is to say in the church of Est Doulishe within a newe ile there that I will be newe made, and I will that a tombestone be there had for my wife and me with our pyctours thereuppon of copper resiting above the said Tombe in scripture of copper who lyeth there. I will also that my executrix or my exōrs incontynent upon my death cause to be songe and said for my soule, and all cristen soules 3,000 masses with every of them a bille for the soule of me and my frendes. And every prest to have 4*d.* I will also that immediately after my decease myn exōr provide an honest preest and discrete not beneficed to singe and say masse for my soule within the said newe ile and for the soules of my wife, my father, my moder, my brother, my suster, all our frendes and for all cristen soules. And that the said prest be continued there to pray forever as more playnly doth appere by a feoffement and my will togiders annexed concerning the same. The said

prest to have yerely for his wages £6, fynding him therof bred wyne and wax. And the said £6 to be paid quarterly and yerely to him by my exōrs. And I will the said prest for the tyme being shall sing and say masse within my said newe ile or chauntery wekely and daily, or cause som other honest prest to do so in his behalfe for the said soules. And the said prest at the lavatory of his masse daily to say "De profundis" and say these masses folowing wekely; that is to say specially, the Munday, masse of the Holy Goost, Wennysday masse of S. George, Friday masse of Requiem and Saturday masse of Our Blissid Lady. To the cathedrall church of S. Andrewe in Wellis 6*s.* 8*d.* To the persons of Kingeston for tithes forgoten 6*s.* 8*d.*, of Crykett for the tithes forgoten 3*s.* 4*d.* of West Doulishe for tithes forgoten 3*s.* 4*d.* To the blak Freres in Yevelchestre £6 13*s.* 4*d.* And they therfor to have within their house wekely during oon hole yere Dirige and every day during the said yere a masse, and at every Lavatorye "De profundis" for the said soules. To the gray Freres in Brigewater £6 13*s.* 4*d.* and they to have therfor within their house the same. To all the Lazar houses within Somersetshire evynly amongst them 10*s.* To every of my hynds and women servants 20*s.*, and their hool yeres wages. To every of my yomen servants their hool yeres wages. To all my yomen servants all my wering apparell to be distributed evynly among them. I will that oon quarter rent of all my lands be gathered and devided evynly amongst all my tenants and their children. I will incontynent upon my decease there be an honest prest provided to sing and say masse at Scala Celi in Oxforth or ellswhere, whersoever Scala Celi be,[1] during the space of oon hole yere for the said soules. And he to have for his labour £6 13*s.* 4*d.* I will my exōrs incontinent upon my deth provide an honest prest to sing and say masse in the parisshe church of Est Doulish during oon hole yere to pray for them that be dede as well as for the good estate of them being on lyve, to whom I have in offices unknown or otherwise doon wronge unto. And the said prest at every lavatory to say "De profundis" for the soules aforenamed and he to have that yere for his wages, and bred, wyne and wax. I will my exōrs

[1] "Scala Cœli in Westminster." *Test. Vet.* 609.
"Massys as *scala cely*," Bury Wills (Camden Society), 74.

at my burying or moneth mynd and at, but oon of them make doole to every man, woman and childe a penny. I will that if any man or woman after my deth clayme or aske any dett of myn exōrs by me owing proving by othe, witness or otherwise that I doo owe it my exōrs shall paye it. Also if any restitucion or reason ought to be made lawfully, I will my exōr shall restore it as she shall knowe cawsis upon proclamation made after my deth in the parish churches about the contree that if I have taken any mans goods wrongfully I will then my exōr with the assent of my overseers shall make restitucion as they agree. Soo that the demanders or askers of restitucion bring further proves that I have wronged them. I wille that my exōur as shortly as it may be after my dethe provide to be songe and said for my soule the trentall of S. Gregory. I will that my exour after my deth cause the two candelsticks of silver, and two basons of silver that belongith to the church that they be delivered to my fader's chapel in Exeter according to his will To my nevewe Thomas Speke my best cheyne of gold containing fourscore and six lynks, also the half parte of all my plate, also after the decease of Dame Isabell Speke my wife, the half parte of all my houshold stuff as hangings, bedds, crokkes, pannys. and the half parte of all my catall of every kind aftir hir deth. To my said nevewe all my harnes. I will that if he at any time after my deth doo breke mynyshe or interupt any part of my will or if he vex or implede my said wife and not suffre all astates to stand good to hir during hir life, then I will all my bequests to him be voyde and of noon effecte, and my exōr to have the hole of them. I will my servant John Balche be oon of the nombr of my yoman servants, and have his part of my weryng apparell. To my said servant John Balche as moch catall as cometh to the some of 66*s.* 8*d.* To Isabell doughter of Thomas Ratcliff and of Anne his wife £100 to hir mariage. And if she die I will £40 of the £100 be gevyn to the mariage of Grace, doughter of the said Thomas and Anne, and if she die the £40 to remain to the said Thomas Ratecliff and Anne or to the lenger liver of them. To my Lord Henry Courteney Erle of Devon and Marques of Exeter £100 if he survive me (and if not) the said £100 to remain to my exōr. Where I the said George Speke, knyght, have purchased as moche lands in Up Otery in

the countie of Devon as comyth to the yerely value of 33*s.* 4*d.* and as moche lands in Mertok in Somerset as cometh to the yerely valewe of 13*s.* 4*d.* towards the sum of £6 for the fynding of a prest within my chauntery as is above rehersed soo that there lacketh for the furnisshing of the said £6 73*s.* 4*d.*, which I will my exōr with the help of my overseers doo purchase with such goods as is unbequethed to furnysshe owte the hole sum and until it be fully furnysshed for payment of the said prest yerely and quarterly. I will my manours of Est Doulish, West Doulish and elsewhere be charged with the payment of him and incontinent upon the hole purchase of £6 oons fully had, I will my manours be noo further charged. To Dame Isabell Speke my wife, the half parte of all my plate, housholde stuffe and catall of every kind, and I make her my sool executrice.

Overseers: Sir John Fitz-James, knyght, Chief Justice of Englond, and John Brett of South-Pedton, Esq., and to Sir John Fitz-James £20, and the best cupp that he will chuse, and to John Brett, Esq. £4 and a silver gilt cup. I will that (if) my said wife happen to mary after my decease, then my nevewe Thomas Speke be my exōr and have all her bequests, and entre upon all such lands as I have given to my wife keping the same in his own hands from my wife all joyntors indowments foeffements and other astates to my said wife by me made to the contrary in any maner of wise notwithstanding. To the church of Est Doulish £20. The residue to my wife, my executrice. In witness wherof I have subscribed my name and put my seal the day and yere abovesaid.

Witnesses: John Birt, Sir William Balam, clerk, John Balsche, Thomas Ratcliffe, William Gyles, William Emery.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, November 3rd, 1528.

1528. JOHN GODEHYNE.

[38 Porch.]

September 6th, 1528. John Godehyne, of Salford husbondman. To be buried within the church of our blissed lady in Salford. To the good warks of the said church 20*s.* Cathedral church of Wells 2*s.* For to have a well disposed prest to pray and singe for the souls of me, J. G. John, my

father, Edith, my moder, and for all Christian soules during two yeres, £12. To John Godehyne, my son, myn overferme and a tenement called Racard's house and the griste mille, 6 oxen, 3 kyne, and almaner of harnes that belongith therto with a wayne. Thomas G., my son, the state that I have in the tenement sett in Salforde called Stibers tenement. Joan, my doughter, £20. Alice, my doughter, £20. Every of my godchildren 4*d.* to pray for my soule.

Residue: Isabell, my wife, and Thomas, my son (executors).

Overseers: John Bisse, of Publowe, Sir John Lygh, prest (20*s.* each).

I sett my seal.

Witnesses: Richard Acremon, John Brokeman, William Jonys.

Proved October 20th, 1528.

1528. THOMAS SAUNDERS.

[3 Jankyn.]

January 4th, 1528. Thomas Saunders, of Chewton. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of B.M. Magd. of Chewton. Cathedral church of Wells 16*d.* To the fabric of the parish church of Chewton 66*s.* 8*d.* To the high altar of the same church for my tithes forgotten 20*d.* To the four principal lights of the said church 16*d.* To each of my sons and daughters 20 sheep. To each godson one ewe. John Saunders, my brother, 2 sheep. Isabel Towey, my sister, 2 sheep. John Pole 2 sheep.

Residue: Agnes, my wif (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir William Butler, my curate, William Burge, John Felde, Richard Walter, Thomas Bendill.

Proved March 20th, 1528.

1528. JOHN HORTON.

[3 Jankyn.]

February 19th, 1528. 20 H. VIII. John Horton, of Philipps Norton in the countie of Somerset, clothmaker. My body to be buried in suche place as it shall please Almighty God to provide for me. I will my detts that I owe at the time

of my deth of right or of conscience be paid by my executor and discharge myself here and before God. To the high awter of the parish church of Philipps Norton for my tithes forgotten 10*s*. To the high awter of the parish church of Roode in the said countie wherof I was sumtyme parishen for the same entent 10*s*. To the maintenance of the light of and before the high cross in the church of Philipps Norton 20*s*. My executor to give to the blak freres of Sarum 33*s*. 4*d*. toward the glasing of a wyndowe to thentent they shall say a trentall of masses in their conventuall church for my soule and for the soules of my father, mother, and my children. To the church of Hanging Stock 20*s*. toward the bying of a paire of vestments. To the covent of Eton to say a trentall of masses in the conventuall church to pray for me. I will my executors shall distribute on the day of my burial among poor people coming to the same in mete and drynke after their discretion at the day of my burial and moneth mynde £20. To William Horton, my son, £200. To Alice Byrde, my doughter, if she folowe the will of Thomas Horton, the elder, Thomas Long, and William Horton, in her mariage £66 13*s*. 4*d*. or els she to have that they shall reward her. My executor to find an honest prest to sing for me four yeres. To Thomas Horton to be oon of my overseers 40*s*. To John Flowre to be another 40*s*.

Executor: Thomas Long.

Witnesses: Thomas Horton, Henry Long, William Horton, John Flowre, Richard Smyth, and Sir John Bell.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, March 11th, 1528.

1528. JOHN BOCKELAND.

[13 Jankyn.]

March 14th, 1528. John Bockeland. To be buried in the church of SS. Peter and Paul of my parish of Shepton Mallet. Cathedral church of Wells 2*s*. To the high altar in the said parish church a damask cope (*cappam*) of red colour. To the four lights to each 12*d*. To the bells 12*d*. To Edmund, my son, £20.

Residue: Joan, my wif (executrix).

Overseers: Robert Bythesee, John Watts.

Witnesses: Sir John Lokear, Richard Appwell, Robert Bythesee, John Watts.

Proved November 23rd, 1529.

1529. SIMON WHITE.

[10 JANKYN.]

May, 1529. Symon White, of Briggewater. My body to be buried in the parish church of Briggewater before the image or pycture of S. Sebastian. And in the same place it is my will to have a new image of alabaster bought to the value of 13*s.* 4*d.* or more. Also to have a preest to singe the greate trentall in the said church for oon hole yere, having for his wagis £10. To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To the maister of St. John's of Briggewater 20*s.* To the gray freres of Briggewater 20*s.* To Our Lady awter in the said parish church of Briggewater to be a brother there and to be praid for 6*s.* 8*d.* To every aulter in the said parish church of Briggewater 12*d.* To Robert, my son, £40. To Joane, my doughter, £40. To Elisabeth, my doughter, £40. And if any die these goods to be divided among the survivors. And if all die this six score pounds to be distributed thus: £40 to have a prest to sing and pray in S. Katerine gilde in the said church of Briggewater £40 to Johane, my wife, if she survive them, and £40 to the house of St. John the Baptist in Briggewater, to be praid for as a founder of the rũnyng masse in the gild of S. Kateryn there. To Joane, my mother, £4 over and above what I owe her. To Hugh Morell, my brother, 2 half-clothes and oon of my gownes. To John White, my brother, 40*s.*, and my gowne furred with fox. To William White, my brother, Joane and Agnes, my susters, to each of them a kow or els 13*s.* 4*d.* I forgeve all my said brothers and susters all such detts as they owe me. To Gyles White oon half-cloth. To Robert Morell the same. To Sir Thomas White, my brother, my best gowne. To a prest to sing for me in the parish church of Brigewater oon quarter 30*s.*

The residue to Joane, my wife and executrix.

Overseers: Sir Robert Walshe, prior of S. Jones, Sir Thomas White, John White, and John A'Wood, towker.

Witnesses: John Dowdyng, William Bedell, Richard Andrewes, Robert Morell.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, August 28th, 1529.

1529. WILLIAM HORTON.

[9 Jankyn.]

William Horton. To be buried in Christian burial. To the parish church of Lullyngton 20*s.* *i.e.*, for to bye a masse boke and the rest therof to the beying of a paire of vestments. Sir Edward Barkehede, parish preest of L., 3*s.* 4*d.*

Residue: Margery, my wife.

Witnesses: Sir William Brandon, Sir Edward Barkhede, parish priest of L., John Dyatt, Richard Smyth, William Longe, Henry Sheparde.

Proved July 23rd, 1529.

1529. JOHN WARYNG.

[10 Jankyn.]

June 15th, 1529. John Waryng, of Worle. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Martin of Worle. Cathedral church of Wells 4*d.* Parish church of Worle 12*d.* To the church of Kewstoke 12*d.* To the church of Weston 12*d.* Agnes W. and Isabel W. and John and Thomas, my daughters and sons (each) £4.

Overseers: Thomas Waryng, John Coke, William Towky.

Residue: Agnes, my wife (executrix).

Witnesses: Sir Richard Young, curate, John Taylor, John Leveryng.

Proved August 20th, 1529.

1529. WILLIAM LONG.

[14 Jankyn.]

October 23rd, 1529. William Long of the parish of Fresheford clothier. My body to buried in the Ryll (*sic*) of the church of S. Peter of Freyshford by Alice my wife, there she is buried. To the mother church of Seynt Andrewe of Wells 12*d.* To the parish church of Freyshford 6*s.* 8*d.* To the churches of

Westwode, Wenysley, Stook and Henton 3*s.* 4*d.* each. To a prest of honest and good conversaciòn £6, to sing oon yere thrũghly for my soule and my wife Alice soule and all cristen soules in the parish church of Freyshford. To the parish church of Semỹgton where I was born and cristyned 40*s.* to bye a paire of vestments. To the chapell of S. Leonard of Hũggerforth Feyrley to the Chauntree there 40*s.*, to bye a paire of vestments withall. To Margaret Bailey my suster 20*s.* To Mary Long my doughter £40 which I will Henry Longe or Thomas Horton the yonger have in keping, and also the custody of the said Mary unto she be maryable and noo lenger. To Thomas Longe my son £40. All such stuff as I William Longe had before of his other wife (*sic*) to be devided to Thomas and Mary my son and doughter equally. And if either die, the other to have the whole bequest. To Mary my doughter my house with thapparell, that I dwell in, with all the mills, implements, grounds and pastures belonging according to the indentur of covenants made bitwene me and the Prior of Henton. And if both the said Thomas and Mary die then half my goods to remain to Isabell my wife, and the other half to her children, to be equally devided without frawde or gyle. And if Mary die without issue, Thomas my son to have my house, and if he die without issue, it shall remain to litill John Longe my brother and to his assignes of the names of the Longes. To Thomas Horton the yonger and John Bysse of Publey, my wife's brother 6*s.* 8*d.* each, the which Thomas Horton and John Bysse of Publey I make my overseers. The rest of my goods to Isabell Longe my wife, my executrix. Yoven at Luton forsaid (*sic*).

Witnesses: Maister Walter Hungerford, parson of Claverton, Thomas Horton thelder, Henry Longe, John Longe, and Thomas Longe.

Proved at Lambeth, January 7th, 1529.

1529. WILLIAM CATCOTE.

[16 Jankyn.]

February 15th, 1529. William Catkott. My body to be buried in my parish church of Shipton Mallet. To the bells of

the said church 3*s.* 4*d.* To the foure lights of the same 16*d.* Also to be brought on the Kalender of the high awter 3*s.* 4*d.* To be brought on the Kalender of Our Lady Brethered 3*s.* 4*d.* Also I wil and ordeyn masse of Requiem and Dirige solemply by note to be kept with all the priests in the church this foure wekes folowing with a trentall retaynyng or concurrent in the same. To my 3 children, *i.e.*, William, Alice and Agnes, £5 each and I will that whom of these 3 lyve longest the last to enjoy all the whole. To my mother church of Wells 12*d.* To the high awter of my parish church for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.* The residue to Joane my wife.

Overseers: Nicholas Loxston and Richard Hogges, and to each of them 3*s.* 4*d.* And I make Maister Nicholas Fitz-james overseer, and to him 10*s.*

Witnesses: Sir William Typp, curat, Nicolas Loxston, Richard Hogges, and William Hunt.

Proved at Lambeth, March 18th, 1529.

1529. EDMOND CARTER.

[25 Jankyn.]

March 5th, 1529. Edmonde Carter of the parish of Croscombe. My body to be buried in the church of Our Blessed Lady of Corscombe as nygh my graunt father as may be. To the mother church 20*d.* To the parish church of Corscombe 20*d.* To the high awter 20*d.* To the parish church of Dynder 12*d.* To Wormaister church 12*d.* To the church of Wotton 12*d.* To the church of S. Leonard of Horrȳton 12*d.* To Hugh Porter the gowne lyned with sarsnet, the orenge colour doublet. To Richard Porter my blak gowne, a doublet of velvet and saten and a scarlet bonet. To Emme Porter thre silver spones with angells at the ends and a great panne. To my brother Owen my doblet that I was wedded in and 6 spones. To James my son my best gowne, a velvet doublet and 6 spones with my father's marke and my best jaket, the best capp, a silver goblet, a bedde, half a garnysshe of vessell and parte of almaner of housholde stuffe. To Joane Porter the secunde maser, a flatt pece that lieth in gage, a flockbed and a hanging. To John Furnes a doublet and a jaket, my best ryding cote, a

capp garded with velvet and a sparke[1] kowe. To Joane Furnes a fetherbed with grene say and the coverlet. To Joane my wife £20. To Sir Nicolas Garlonde my horse. To Sir John Clerk 3*s.* 4*d.* The residue to John my brother, my executor.

Overseers: Richard Bucklonde and John Mors and to each of them 6*s.* 8*d.*

Witnesses: Sir John Clerk, Sir Nichas Garlonde, Richard Bockelande, John Mors, Owen Porter.

Proved at Lambeth, July 14th, 1530.

[1] Sparked in Somerset dialect = speckled.

WILLS AT LAMBETH.

1363. RALPH DE SALOPIA.

[244 Islip.]

May 12th, 1363. Ralph by divine permission Bishop of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the church of St. Andrew of Wells and this within 15 days from the time of my death. I bequeath to the canons and vicars and ministers there to be distributed among them on the day of my burial £10. To be distributed among the poor on the same day £40 in pennydole and for the other expenses of my funeral as much as my executors may think fit so that within the cathedral there shall only be wax candles for the greater lights. I bequeath to the high altar there my great missal noted. To the altar of St. Mary in the same church one pair of my vestments. To the fabric of the said church 10 marks. To the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury before whom my will will be proved one cup of silver with a cover silver and gilt and one piece with a cover silver and gilt. To Robert atte Sloo one cup with a silver cover. To the vicars of Wells dwelling in the houses built by me 20 quarters of corn, 20 quarters of barley, 20 quarters of oats, 10 oxen, 10 cows, and 100 sheep. To the "*choryfeis*" there 10 quarters of corn, 2 oxen, 2 cows and 20 sheep. To John Wygemore chaplain 2 pieces of silver and a maser. To each officer in my house one mark and to each chief clerk of my chapel one mark and to each chorister of my chapel half a mark and to each groom in my house half a mark and to each page 40*d*. To William Holleforde of my chamber 40*s*. To Richard Brekebec lately my clerk £10. I remit to the Abbot and convent of Salop £20 in which they are indebted to me. To Walter de Wyncalton one cup of silver and two pieces of silver. To Roger Tybrighton clerk one covered cup of silver and two pieces of silver. To the scholars in the hall which is called Oriole in Oxon studying in theology one "*postill*"[1] compiled by Nicholas

[1] Postillæ, notæ, especially "notæ marginales et perpetuæ in Sacra Biblia." (*Ducange*.)

de Lira on the Old Testament price 20 marks. I bequeath to my Lord the King of England £100 owed to me by various debtors if he can cause the said money to be levied of the same debtors according to the information of my executors, so that it please the king's Majesty to be supervisor of my goods.

I make the following my executors: the principal executor Sir William Camel precentor and canon of the church of Wells, to whom I leave £20. I make the second executor Master Robert de Nettelton canon of Wells to whom I leave £10. I make my third executor Sir William Derby canon of Wells to whom I leave £10. I make my fourth executor Sir Robert de Samborn canon of Wells to whom I leave £10. I make my fifth executor Sir John Lombard canon of Wells to whom I leave £10.

Residue of all my goods to be divided into three parts of which the first part is to be distributed among my poor tenants and others in each manor of mine according to the ordinance of my executors. The second part I bequeath to religious men as friars, preachers, minors, Carmelites, and Augustinians in Oxon, Briggwater, Bristoll, and Ivelchester and other places, also to secular chaplains and clerks to celebrate and pray for my soul according to the ordinance of my executors. The third part I leave to be divided among my servants and the poor of my diocese[1] according to the discretion of my executors. In witness whereof I have placed my seal in the chamber of my manor of Wyvelescombe, 12th May, 1363, and in the 34th year of my consecration.

1382 ROBERT SAMBORNE.

[201 COURTNEY.]

May 20th, 1382. Robert Samborne, canon of the cathedral church of Wells, in my house at Wells make my testament as follows. My body to be buried in the cathedral church of Wells if I depart from this light in the city of Wells, and if I close my last day within the parish of Jevele [Yeovil] I will my body rest in the parish church there. I bequeath for my funeral obsequies £20. To each of my executors 40*s*. The residue of my goods to be expended by my

[1] MS. reads "þeiccela."

executors on the work of the church of Jevele begun by me, until it be finished. And after that whatever residue there be, shall be disposed in the celebration of masses and in divers works and offices of charity and piety for my soul as seems best to my executors, and if I owe any debts, they shall be fully paid. I will that all the above bequests which are made for works of charity and piety stand as much for the merit and benefit of myself and my soul as for those for whom I am bound, and I will that they participate with me in all things to be done for my soul as if they also were severally mentioned. And if any of my executors illegally quarrel among themselves I will and specially enjoin that they be expelled from the execution of my will, and from all the foregoing by the common consent of the rest of my executors. And I make my executors my well-beloved in Christ, Sir Walter Wyncaulton canon of Wells, Sir John Tyntenull vicar in the church of Wells, Stephen Blancombe priest, and Hugh King my valet.

In witness whereof I have set my seal.

Proved September 12th, 1382.

1383. MAURICE WYTH, KNT.

[205 COURTNEY.]

July 11th, 1383. Maurice Wyth, knight. My body to be buried in the church of S. Botolph without Aldersgate, London. To the repair of the same church £5. For my burial and to find chaplains to celebrate in the said church, officiating clerks, and all other things necessary for the burial at the discretion of my executors £45. To John my chaplain 40*s*. To Robert Wyth my nephew 40*s*. To William Feror 40*s*. To Robert my cook 26*s*. 8*d*. To Nicholas Baker 6*s*. 8*d*. To William Pleystede 6*s*. 8*d*. To Elisabeth my wife all my husbandry from the present date until the feast of S. Michael to come, now growing in Portbury and Porteshevede with all necessaries pertaining to my chamber, wardrobe, hall and also to buttery and kitchen. To my said wife all my silver vessels of the better sort to the value of £40. To Laurence Seybrook a silver cup called "bolle" with a cover. To John Serjeant another cup with a cover. To John de Bathe a third. To Joan Wyth my sister

£5. To Katherine Banastre 13*s.* 4*d.* To William Wyth my nephew, 40*s.* To Stephen Capell 26*s.* 8*d.* To Elena Brounyng to her marriage 40*s.* To my poor tenants of Portbury 40*s.* to pay their subsidies and other royal taxes to come. To my poor tenants of Covelee 20*s.*, for the same subsidy. To my tenants of Hurst 20*s.* for the same. For a trentall of S. Gregory to be celebrated for my soul where my executors shall please £10. For thirty trentals to be celebrated within a month of my death £4 10*s.*, that is 2*s.* 6*d.* for each trental. To my four executors £12, that is 60*s.* each. The residue to be disposed in alms for my soul.

I make my executors, Laurence Seybrooke, John Sergeant, John Bathe, and John vicar of the church of Portbury. And it is my last wish that my said wife hold herself contented with all bequeathed to her.

Proved August 6th, 1383.

1386. JOHN DE HAREWELL, BP.

[218 Courtney.]

June 29th, 1386. John de Harewell, by Divine mercy Bishop, albeit unworthy, of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in my cathedral church of Wells in the place where the Dean and Chapter and my executors choose to appoint. To the Dean and Chapter for the use of the said church my best whole vestment at their own choosing, and if they choose my vestment of red cloth of gold I will they also have the red cope which I hold having bought it of the executors of the will of John Grandison late Bishop of Exeter of good memory. To the said Dean and Chapter to the use of the said church my great missal which I had of the gift of Robert de Chewre. To the High Altar of the said church my larger gilt chalice wherever it be. To Jonetta daughter of Roger de Harewell my brother to her marriage 100 marks, this only because in this last year I gave her father 200 marks for the same purpose. To all and sundry my servants as much money in coin (*in pecunia nummata*) as they have been accustomed to receive yearly in my lifetime. To Richard Martyn my esquire (*scutifero*) 100*s.* To Sir Hugh Segrave, knight, £20 and my best cope of cloth of gold. To Sir William Drayton, knight, and to

Sir John Drayton, knight, £20 each. To John Kendale 40 sheep and 18 plough oxen (*boves arabiles*). To Master Roger de Harewell my nephew my great book of Decrees (*decretorum*). To Master Richard Harewell my nephew my best book of Canon Law (*librum sextum*[1]) at his choosing. To Sir John Waryn my receiver a book of Decretals (*decretalium*). To John Harewell my nephew £20. To John Bryngton £20, To John Tuttebury 20 marks. To Nicholas Halleton, esquire (*scutifero*), 60*s*. To Master Thomas Spert £20 in silver. To the parish church of Harewell a chasuble, alb, dalmatic with stoles, "*et furror*" with 3 albs and amices, and 2 copes with fronts and frontals of the suit. To Sir John Grene my "*notatum*" breviary which I had of the executors of my good lord Edyton, late bishop of Winchester. To Robert of my chamber 40*s*. To Thomas Hille of my chamber 20*s*. To the Prior and Convent of my church of Bath my blue vestment (*de blueto*) with two copes *de secta* to the use of the said church. To Sir Robert Slo my clerk, one "*notatum*" missal which I had of the executors of John de Grandison late Bishop of Exeter, of good memory, and my book of Innocents.

The residue to my executors below named to dispose in celebrations and distributions for my soul.

I make my executors Hugh Segrave, knight, John Prior of my church of Bath, Master Thomas Spert my official principal, Sir John Waryn, canon of Wells, John de Harewell my nephew, John Bryngton, Sir John Grene, canon of Wells, and John de Tuttebury.

To each of my servants not mentioned in this will 20*s*. To each other servant of mine over and above his legacy 20*s*.

Proved August 20th, 1386.

1388. RICHARD DE ACTON, KNT.

[229 Courtney.]

November 16th, 1388. Richard D'Acton knight. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the Monastery of Glaston at the disposition of the Abbot. To the use of the said

[1] Sextus, vox Juris Canonici; ita appellatur Collectio Decretalium facta sub Bonifacio viii PP quasi sit liber sextus alterius collectionis Gregorii ix PP, curis elaboratæ et in quinque libros distributæ. (*Ducange.*)

monastery £100, and on the day of my burial £10. To be expended about my body and for distribution to the poor on the day of my burial £40. To the Prioress and Convent of Barwe £20 to pray for my soul. To each of the houses of Friars Mendicant of Bristol 40*s*. To the Friars Preachers of Yelcester 40*s*. To the Friars Minors of Bryggewatyr 40*s*. To the Prioress and Convent of Kanyngton 40*s*., to pray for my soul. To Richard Gatecomb £13 6*s*. 8*d*. To the parson of the church of Woxhale [Wraxall] £20 to fulfil this testament according to his ability. To Margaret my wife £10. To John Fidelton £10. To George Atte-More £10. To John Panes of Purrygg £10 if they will be willing to undertake the execution of my testament according to my ordinance, but if not, they shall have nothing. To Margery atte-Hull 100*s*. To John Baker, Roger Rauleygh, Richard Cook, Nicholas atte-Stabyl, Richard Fayrsong and William Batte 20*s*. each if the said servants will be willing to serve Margaret my wife according to the ordinance of the said Margaret and the parson of Woxhale, but if not, they shall have nothing. To Ralph Damesel £10 in the same way as the bequests to John Fidelton and the others. To each naif (*nativus*) of mine in Chelvey 20*s*. To every tenant of mine in Ayly 10*s*. To Rolond 20*s*. The residue to be distributed in the mending of roads to the poor and in other alms. I make my executors Margaret my wife, the Rector of the church of Woxhale, John Fidelton, George More, and John Panes of Purrygg.

Proved February 2nd, 1388.

1396. JOHN DE UPTON.

[153 Arundel I.]

September 5th, 1396. John de Upton Canon of Wells. My body to be buried in the cathedral church of Wells before the image of the Salutation of the B.M.V. on the left side at the end of the exit from the choir near the place where Sir Thomas Mount is buried. To the said church of Wells 100*s*. in the name of "commons" and for meat and drink on the day of my burial to the other canons and vicars according to their "status." I bequeath 40*s*. to be equally distributed among the

vicars present on the day of my burial in a common place as abovesaid to pray for my soul. To the cathedral church of Sarum 100*s*. To be distributed among poor people on the day of my burial at Wells 40*s*. To my churche of Bredon in the diocese of Worcester 40*s*. To be distributed among my poor parishioners most in need at Bredon aforesaid 40*s*. For priests both secular and regular to celebrate for my soul as quickly as possible after my death so that each priest have 1*d*. 40*s*., and that the office of mass for the soul of the departed may be held, that is, eternal rest. To each priest dwelling in the city of Wells at the time of my death who will be willing to celebrate 30 masses for my soul within a quarter of a year after my death in the manner abovesaid, 30*d*. to be delivered in like manner. To every person, blind, lame or detained in bed or indoors by other infirmity at the time of my death in the cities of Wells and Sarum who will be willing every day for thirty days within the quarter as abovesaid to say the psalter of the B.M.V. for my soul 30*d*., and that they may promise faithfully to do this. To William London de Upton if he survive my death, a silver cup with the cover and all my goods in my church of Bredon, and I remit to him any debts that he may owe me, in respect of the church of Bredon reasonably computed and all other money. To Alice relict of my late brother William who dwells at Upton if she survive me a pair of beads of coral with a gold clasp attached and 20*s*. to pray for my soul. To the church of Upton 40*s*. To master Walter London son of the said William London my cousin if he survive me a "*corpus*" of Civil Law viz., a small volume *digestum vetus*, *digestum novum*, *codicem et inforciatum* which I have lent him for his learning at Oxford and he has them in his keeping. Also I bequeath to him my breviary covered with white leather and all my "*quaternos*" of paper and my "constitutions" and "Royal Statutes" covered with white leather, one old "Speculum Judiciale" so covered and a book of Innocents covered with red leather. I also bequeath to him my long cloak (*mantellum*) closed and lined and 20 marks. To Master Richard Drayton, canon of Wells, if he survive me, a silver pear for powder and a silver water vessel (*aquarium*). To Master Walter Craas if he survive me a silver cup called "Biker" and my small *librum*

sextum with gloss of John Andrew covered with white linen cloth. To each of my servants in service with me at Wells at the time of my death the residue of their wages for that year according to the agreement and 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir John Manns priest to pray for my soul my book called "Pars oculi," my ordinal which he has in his keeping, my crucible (*crussibolum*) covered with red leather and 20*s.* To Margaret my cousin living at Wells one "*hopolondum*"[1] of the livery of the Abbot of Tewkesbury furred with furs with a hood of the same suit and 20*s.* To John Othum my "*domicellus*" 40*s.*, and the residue of his salary for the year of my death if he remain in my service up to the time of my death and survive me, also my second best horse. To Sir William Hope vicar of the said church of Wells one plain silver piece with the cover of the better set, and my girdle of green colour harnessed with silver and to Robert Borgh my vicar at Wells my principal coat, and to Robert Guerd my vicar at Sarum my second best coat, also to each of them 20*s.* to pray for me. To the altar *misse matutinalis* at Sarum my vestments in my house for celebration of divine office there. To Sir Walter Dene vicar of the said church of Sarum two table-cloths of Paris work, with two towels of the same suit at Sarum and 20*s.* to pray for me. To Sir Giles Zely vicar of the said church of Sarum 20*s.* to pray for me. I will that at my burial there be round my body in church at dirige and at mass on the morrow only five round wax candles each of the weight of five lbs. of wax and not more and that they remayne in the cathedral church after my funeral without further solemnity or delay and that the said wax candles be borne burning before my body to the church by my servants and so continue to burn from the beginning of the dirige until the completion of my burial on the morrow. I will that each canon and vicar of the said church personally present at my said exequies receive at the dirige 6*d.* and at mass on the morrow 6*d.* I will that the residue of my goods, after deducting the expenses of my funeral and of placing of a stone over my grave, be sold and with the money celebrations shall be made as soon as possible after my death by secular and regular priests for my soul and the

[1] Hopelanda: Pallii vel tunicæ species (*Ducange*).

souls of Richard and Roger, priests, my parents, benefactors, and for all the faithful deceased.

Executors: Master Walter London my cousin, Sir William Hope vicar of the church of Wells, John Othom my servant and Sir Walter Dene vicar of the cathedral church of Sarum.

Overseers: Master Richard Drayton canon of Wells, and Master Walter Craas.

Proved January 29th, 1396.

1398. RALPH ERGHUM.

[168 Arundel I.]

January 31st, 1398. Ralph Erghum, Bishop of Bath and Wells, in my manor of Wyvelyscomb. My body to be buried in the cathedral church of Wells in the body of the church in the place where I have placed my stone near the altar of S. Edmund, Archbishop. For my funeral expenses £100, as well for the carrying of my corpse as for its burial, and all the expenses therewith incurred, but I will that in the said carrying of my body there be one wax candle by night wherever it shall rest which shall be made of not more than five lbs. of wax in memory of the five wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God once crucified. I will that on the day of my burial they burn at the Mass and at the obsequies on the day before, that is at "placebo" and "dirige," five wax candles, each weighing five lbs. in wax. Concerning torches my executors shall ordain as long as they do not exceed in number at one and the same time six torches. To the cathedral church of Sarum my red cope with Archangels of gold and a morse gilt with stones of my livery. To every priest present at my funeral, at Placebo and Dirige and mass in the church of Wells 12*d.*, and if they are present at my funeral on the journey towards the city of Wells each priest shall have 6*d.* To every priest present and singing at my tomb at the time of my interment, 6*d.* I will that the expenses of the carrying of my body and all the foregoing amounts be included in the said £100 except those I have bequeathed to the church of Sarum. To the fabric of the church of Sarum, £20. To the fabric of the church of Wells £20. To the fabric of the church of Bath £20. To Agnes, my sister, my gown furred with

grey and all my vestments furred with grey with 100 marks in money. To the said Agnes a dozen silver vessels with saltcellars and two "charjours" figured with my arms, two silver bowls, not gilt, of the best of those I have marked in the bottom with the image of S. Katherine and two of my best silver basins with two of my best silver pots. To Elisabeth my sister my old scarlet gown furred. To Master Gilbert de Stone two books *compilationis Gregorii in moralibus.* To Ralph de Erghum, my nephew, the letters of obligation in which he is bound to me and the sums therein contained if he does not pay them to me before my death, my new gown of scarlet, a dozen silver vessels as saltcellars and other things, two "charjours" marked with the arms of John Trivet, knight, two of my second best silver bowls gilt in the bottom, two of my second best pots and a spice-plate (*peciam pro speciebus*) with an image of S. Andrew. To Agnes, my sister my beautiful psalter which the Rector of Marnhull gave me to have it for her life, and after her death it shall remain to the house of Lacok, and to the Abbess there at that time and it shall not be parted with. To the said Agnes a silver spice-plate with a foot and image of the Blessed Mary. To John Podmore £100 including the money which he owes me, to wit 80 marks and 20*s.* To Roger Raygate, vicar of Chard, 10 marks. To every associate preest beneficed (*promoto*) of my house 10 marks, and to every one not beneficed £20. To my chaplain cross-bearer at the time of my death my gown of blue furred in which I was consecrated, with all ornaments belonging to it, and 10 marks. To Thomas Terry the bible out of which he used to read to me, which bible was given me by John Warnford whom may God absolve. To the said Thomas my book called "*Summa summarum.*" To Roger Raygate vicar of Cherde my book called "*Pars oculi sacerdotis.*" To William formerly "palfreman" living in the diocese of Sarum 10 marks. To Walter Huisshe who has a wife at Chew 40*s.* To Adam "cherieter" 5 marks. To his fellow "charieter" 40*s.* To every valet in my house to whom I have bequeathed nothing in my will or whom I have never remunerated in my lifetime 40*s.* as appears by a list included here. To William Totell 20 marks and the same to every one in my house at my table of his rank

to whom I have bequeathed nothing or whom I have not rewarded according to the list. To Thomas Cosyn the volume (*corpus*) of Civil Law which he now has, lent to him by me on condition that he return to my executors all the other books so lent to him. To Thomas Hanye of the chapel £20 or 10 marks. To Nicholas Hulle, of Chew, the same. To John Mersche, son of William who was "Gaylerre of Wells," the same, and to his fellow, John Alfret, and to each boy of my chapel the same amount in the same way. To every page who sits at my board and wears my livery 20*s*. To John Carethorpe, my nephew, £100. To my niece, sister of the said John, £20. To Agnes, my sister, my green bed with white lilies with all the hangings of the chamber of that suit, and all the feather "quyschyng" of that suit, and eight of my best feather cushions. To Elisabeth, my sister, my bed with lions and two hangings of blue with silk curtains, my hanging of "tapyssery" work which I bought of the executors of lord Thomas, once Bishop of Exeter, provided that after her decease the said bed and hanging remain to John Carethorp junior, her son. Also to the abovesaid Elisabeth on like condition six feather "quyschyng" of the best after those I have bequeathed to my sister Agnes. To John Podmore my old bed of silk with all the apparel, viz. silk curtains and the four red hangings with my arms which are wont to hang in my chamber. To John Auncell my red bed in which I am wont to lie in my inner chamber with curtains, sheets and all the apparel. To each of my executors 20 marks beside what is bequeathed to them. Moreover I will that my executors be able to buy from my goods without fraud with the consent of their co-executors, but if any one of my executors knowing this condition refuse to undertake the execution of my will he shall be excluded from all benefit in my said will. If there is anything owing by me at the time of my death I will that it be paid as quickly as possible. As to the residue of my goods whether in growing corn or in other goods, the Bishop of Bath shall have the privilege to buy them under the seal of the king; and of the value of these fruits the third part shall be given to Agnes my sister and the other two parts distributed, viz., one in the exhibition of poor scholars at Oxford especially the boys of my chapel, and other clerks who are or who were of my household and are alive at the time

of my death if they wish to study at the schools and have not sufficient livelihood of their own; and the other part in pious uses for my soul as my executors shall think best. To William Lenthorp my dorser of "aras" work which I bought of the executors of Sir William Bugbrigg. To the church of Wells my tapestry with the image of S. John with all the hangings and belongings to be placed under the feet of the Bishop when he celebrates there or another ornament to the same church as the Chapter shall deem expedient. I make my executors Agnes Rabbas, my sister, my principal executor, with Thomas Terry, canon of Wells, John Podmore, and John Carethorp junior. To Henry Noneye, my suffragan, £20. To Alice Rabbas, maid (*domicelle*) to Agnes, my sister, £20. To Alice, my sister's little maid, 10 marks. But first all my funeral expenses and debts must be paid. Given at Banewyll, July 31st, 1399. Memorandum of remunerations made by the Bishop of Bath to divers of his servants. To William Lenthorp for his marriage £100. To Robert Knoyle £20. To Richard Spersoll £20. To Thomas "de la Boterye" 20 marks. To William Totell 10 marks. To John Buschupp senior 10 marks. To Richard Ferror 10 marks. To John Auncell £20. To John Myming 10 marks, and 20*s.*, to his marriage. To Ralph of the kitchen, brother of Nicholas Cator, 5 marks. To Edward Barbor for his marriage 10 marks. To William Wade for his marriage 10 marks. To John Barbour 5 marks. To Thomas Rowland for his marriage 40*s.* To Stephen Barbor, for his marriage 40*s.* To More the servant of Peter Baker 20*s.* To Richard Warderope for his marriage 10 marks.

Proved April 19th, 1400.

1400. RICHARD POSTELL.

[173 Arundel I.]

May 24th, 1400. Richard Postell Canon of Sarum. My body to be buried in the church of the Blessed Mary of Twykenham. To the church of the Blessed Mary of Sarum a cope worth £6 8*s.* 4*d.* To each canon at my funeral on the day of my obit at Sarum 2*s.* To each vicar and chaplain present 12*d.* To each chorister 8*d.* To each altarist 8*d.* To

the two sacristans 2*s.* To all the bellringers 3*s.* 4*d.* For distribution to poor persons at Twykenham £10. To Juliana Estmere and Isabella her sister £10. To the two children of the said Juliana £10. To Richard Felder living in London and to his children 100*s.* To the chancel at Twykenham lately repaired by me 100*s.* To two chaplains to celebrate in the said chapel or chancel for 3 years, to each of them £6 13*s.* 4*d.* I bequeath to serve for ever in the said chancel, a missal newly made for me, my vestments, a chalice of gold and two silver cruets (*urceollos*). To my church of Fordyngton 100*s.* To the poor in the parish there most in want 60*s.* To the church of Wrytlyngton 66*s.* 8*d.* and a cope worth 66*s.* 8*d.* To the tenants of the demesne (*dominii*) there to pray for my soul 53*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Wolverhampton £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, if it can be raised of my farms there. To the vicar and chaplains there to celebrate divine offices to pray for my soul 66*s.* 8*d.* To the Friars Preachers of Sarum to pray for my soul 66*s.* 8*d.* To the Friars Minors of Sarum 66*s.* 8*d.* to pray for me. To the church of Nether Wallop 100*s.* To William Daly vicar there to pray for my soul 40*s.* To Master John Maydenhith that he may assist my executors, a cup of gold bought from the executors of W. Burbrygg. To three chaplains 6*s.* 8*d.* each to celebrate a trentall of S. Gregory for my soul. To John Smyth chaplain to pray for me 66*s.* 8*d.* To John Byryng junior £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To William Grace and his wife 40*s.* To John Hert junior 20*s.* To Richard son of Richard Coke 20*s.* I will that two torches (*torcheos*) serve in the said chapel of Twykenham. To John Godgram and his wife 40*s.* I make my executors Thomas Postell my brother, Sir William Kyng, Sir John Smyth, Sir John atte Well vicar of Fordyngton and Clement Grace with Richard Walhop their supervisor and helper. And if the said Richard Walhop is pleased to act, I will he have for his labour 100*s.* To each of my executors for his labour 100*s.* The residue to be disposed for my soul.

Given at Pottesham, May 24th, 1400.

Proved September 1st, 1400.

1400. ELIZABETH DAME D'AUDELEY.

[175 Arundell I.]

Elizabeth Dame D'Audeley. My body to be buried in the chancel of the Abbey church of Hulton [co. Staffs.] in the tomb which I made there for my very honourable husband Lord D'Audeley. I bequeath for lights about my body on the day of my burial 5 large tapers and 5 "morts" and 60 wax torches of large size of which I will that 10 remain in the said abbey of Hulton and that the remainder of them be given to poor churches in the country round to the honour of God. I will that 60 poor persons be engaged to hold the said 60 torches on the day of my burial and that each of them be clothed in a russet gown and hat at my cost and that each of them have 12*d.* I bequeath to the Abbot and convent of Hulton to help toward the purchase of certain possessions by the advice of my executors 400 marcs and to each monk of the said house 40*s.* to pray for the soul of my very honourable lord and husband whom God assoil and for my soul and for all christian souls. I bequeath to the said Abbot and convent all my beasts and store of cattle being in the counties of Chester, Stafford, and Salop, and all the vessels of brass which I have in the said counties together with and all my vestments and hangings of gold in my chapel one blue bed coverlet of cloth of gold, one of blue canvas, one entire canopy and tester, curtains, hangings and tapestry appertaining to the said bed to adorn the altars of the said Abbey with vestments and hangings for the altars, also two coffers of black, one for keeping their relics and the other for the body of God. I will that what my very honourable husband ordained in his will, viz., that all the silver vessels which he had on the day on which he died which after my decease be sold and the value of them be expended for our souls to this intent that they should be given to the abbot and convent of Hulton to sell them and "amortise" them to the said house. I ordain and pray my undermentioned executors as they will answer before God that his said will and mine be by my executors performed by them in that matter in manner [aforesaid] and that touching the reversion of lands and tenements that were his in London, Exeter, and "Brustuyc," that they be sold to

perform the purport of said will. I bequeath to the friars minors of Hereford £20. To brother John Turpulton £20. And to brother Henry Radnore £10. And to the convent of the friars preachers of Shrewsbury 100*s*. And to the friars minors there 5*s*. And to the convent of Augustine friars 40*s*. And to the convent of friars minors of Stafford 100*s*. And to the Augustine friars there 40*s*. And to the convent of the friars minors of Bridgnorth 40*s*. And to the Carmelite friars of Ludlow 40*s*. And to the Augustine friars there 20*s*. And to the friars minors of Lichfield 40*s*. And to the friars minors of Coventry 40*s*. And to the friars preachers of London 100*s*. And to the friars preachers of Newcastle 40*s*. And to the friars minors of Chester 40*s*. And to the nuns of Akorbury [Aconbury co. Hereford] 20*s*. And to the anchoresse of Hereford 13*s*. 4*d*. And to the folk of the hospital of St. Giles there 13*s*. 4*d*. And to the folk of the hospital of Our Lady there 13*s*. 4*d*. I bequeath to my very noble and very dear Lord Thomas son to our excellent Lord the King whom God of his grace save and defend £100 in silver with one bed of red worsted embroidered with wodewoses with one motto "hold of," one pair of sheets of Raynes 5 yards in breadth. I bequeath to my very dear niece Joan de Beaumonde 500 marcs to her marriage and one bed of green worsted with white testers and another bed of green without embroidery "de daissees" [*dossier*] with 4 large hangings of tapestry work with one pair of sheets of Raines of 4½ yards in breadth. To Sir William Peeks £100 and a blue bed of worsted embroidered with angels with all the apparel of the chamber and hall of that suit. To William Nasshe £100. And to John Wilton 100 marks. And to Raynold de Brodock 40 marcs. To Agnes Meverel £20. And to Elizabeth her daughter £20 to her marriage and another 10 marks for her sustenance. To Joan Daudeley £20. William Newport 20 marks. To Hekoc of the pantry 20 marks. Giles Daudeley 20 marks. John Clere £10. Robert Coke £10. Piers Coke £10. Joan Messager 10 marcs. Nichol de Nabbey 100*s*. Walter Bedeman 100*s*. Dame Carre 40*s*. William Jonkyn 40*s*. Adam Partriche 40*s*. Alice Brown 100*s*. John Clarisson and his wife 40*s*. Richard Swan 40*s*. Fenel la Trupull 40*s*. John Swetebon 20*s*. John

de Mere 20*s.* Robert of the pantry 13*s.* 4*d.* Brother Swetebon 20*s.* Henry Quystron 3*s.* 4*d.* Margaret de Haughton £40. Henry Halggley and Alice his wife £40. Robert Breton 20 marks. Henry Cotesmore £40. Joan Standon 100*s.* Janyn de Monynton 100*s.* And to my servants and to Monynton 10 marks and 10 marks for their gifts to poor people by the advice of my executors. To Raynold Brodhok the guardianship of all the lands and tenements, rents and services with their appurtenances which belonged to John de Fidilton in the county of Somersett which are held of me in chief and are in my hands. Moreover by reason of the minority of Henry the son and heir of the said John to hold to him until the full age of the said son and heir of the said John together with the marriage of the said son and heir in my gift in aid of the sustenance of himself and his estate. I will that my executors pay £22 for a seal which I have given to the Abbot and convent of Hulton. I will that all my retinue be held together for one quarter of a year after my decease and provided for at my cost. I will that all my retinue have livery of black cloth at my cost against my interment. I will that my executors fully pay my debts heartily if any there be. I make my executors Richard Ercevesque Deurewyk.[1] Sir William Peek, clerk, Sir Henry Cottesmore, clerk, William Nasshe and Raynold de Brodok. Given at the Abbey of Hulton the last day of September the year of our Lord 1400. The residue of my deeds and houses are given to my poor tenants and others to pray for the soul of my very honourable lord and husband and for myself and all Christians.

Probate granted November 2nd, 1400, to Henry Cottesmore, William Nasshe and Raynold de Brodok, executors, with permission to Richard Archbishop of York and William Peek to take out letters of administration at a future time.

["Inq. p.m. 2 Hen. IV. 56. Audeley, Elizabeth wife of Nicholas de, chev." *wife* should be *widow*.—Ed.]

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[1] Richard Scroope, Archbishop of York, 1398–1407.

1402. MARGARET LYONNS.

[195 Arundell I.]

March 1st, 1402. Margaret Lyonns, wife of Thomas Lyonns of Asshton. My body to holy burial in the place where my husband shall think best. To the four orders of Friars Mendicant of Bristoll, viz., Preachers, Augustinians, Carmelites and Minors 26*s.* 8*d.* to be equally divided among them to celebrate for my soul and the souls of all the faithful deceased. To the fabric of the church of Asshton 20*s.* To the chapel of the Blessed Mary there 6*s.* 8*d.* To Alice Cosyn an annual rent of 20*s.* to be received of the tenement which Thomas Norton holds of me in High Street, Bristol, for the term of her life. I will that all the lands, tenements, rents, and services which I hold and have come down to me by hereditary right from my purchase in Bristol aforesaid be equally shared and divided between Isabella the wife of Walter Rodnay, knight, and Elizabeth the wife of Thomas Wodeville, my daughters, after the death of Thomas my husband. And if the said Isabella die without heir I will all the lands and tenements which Edmund Blanket late my husband left in his will to me and my daughter Isabella and to her heirs be sold and disposed for the benefit of Walter Rodenay and the said Isabella or of their executors for my soul and the souls of the said Edmund and Isabella and of all the faithful deceased.

I make my executors the said Walter and Isabella by these presents signed with my seal the day and year abovesaid.

Proved November 18th, 1402.

1404. LADY JOAN MOHUN.

[218 Arundell I.]

October 2nd, 1404. Lady Joan de Moũn, of Dounster in a certain mansion called Maysterrmỹs within the precincts of the church of Canterbury. My body to be buried in the tomb or monument which I have had made at my expense near the image of the Blessed Mary "in crippis" in the church of Canterbury. To the venerable father, my Lord Thomas Arundell,

Archbishop of Canterbury, a psalter covered with white. To my Lord the Duke of York, a Legend of the Saints (a beautiful book), and a book with painted pictures. To my daughter, the wife of the said Lord Duke, my blessing and the best "rubrum" that I have. To the Countess of Salisbury my daughter a cross which I used to say I liked the best of all, this cross I give to her and a legend of the Saints. To Lady de Spenser the elder my kinswoman a bed of green silk with all the apparel. To the prior of the church of Canterbury an old red hanging with lions and a hanging "ystayned" with all the apparel. To Friar John of the order of the Minors my confessor 10 marks. To Friar Henry his comrade 40*s*. To William Burwaissh my kinsman 10 marks beside his debt. To Robert Welyngton 4 marks besides his debt. To Henry Berwe over and above his debt, 4 marcs. To Philip my clerk 100*s*. besides his debt. To John Ussher for his debts and reward 40*s*. To John Cocke, for the same, 8 marks. To William Parker, for the same, 6 marks. To John Sumterman and John Gardenere 5 marks each in the same way. To Richard Aulkenton 1 mark. To Margery my maid £10. To Katherine my maid 10 marks. To John Welyngton 10 marks. To Agnes my servant 5 marks. To the three poor scolar boys, Robert Payn, John Tewe and "litel Wiff" food and clothing for a year if they wish to remain at Canterbury. I will that 12 poor men be clothed in black at my expense to hold 12 torches on the day of my burial and also that 4 wax tapers weighing 20 lb. burn at the time of my funeral and that whatever is over shall remain to the church of Canterbury. To every poor person coming to my funeral 1*d*. To my six women servants all my wearing apparel, on condition that one "mantall" be reserved by my executors for the wife of Sir Thomas Haukewode, knight, and that then Margaret choose the best garment first, Katherine next, Joan third, Agnes my maid fourth, and my servants. I make my executors the Reverend Father and Lord in Christ, Lord Thomas Arundell, Archbishop of Canterbury, praying him specially as he was ever my spiritual father in my lifetime, so to assist me in death, and also Thomas, prior of the church of Canterbury, William Burwaissh and Philip Caxton my clerk, to make an inventory of my goods, pay my debts and dispose the residue for the church of Canterbury.

To this testament I have put my seal the day and year abovesaid.

Proved October 11th and 12th, 1404.

1405. LADY ELIZABETH STAFFORD.

[173 Arundel II.]

September 18th, 1405. Elizabeth wife of Humphry Stafford, knight. My body to holy burial in the chapel of S. Andrew near the chapel of the Blessed Mary in the abbey church of Abbotesbury in the inner part of the tomb of John Mautravers, knight, my late lord. To the church of Sarum one gold wedding ring, a small diamond. To Robert Grey 5 marks, a silver cup with the cover. To William Ekerdon, clerk, 100*s.* a silver cup with a cover, *unum mapał*, and a book called "buble." To William Whityng hermit of Shirburn 20*s.* To Edmund Elyot of Cheseburgh 5 marks and a cup. To Nicholas Wareyn 13*s.* 4*d.* and a quarter of corn. To Margaret wife of John Bicoe a silver cup with the cover. To the church of S. Giles of Stapelford a book called "Ridelygger.[1]" To William Prancard rector of the said church for tithes forgotten and to celebrate for my soul and the souls of my ancestors and benefactors one thousand masses, £4 3*s.* 4*d.* [1,000*d.*] To the Friars of Dorcestre, Yevelchester, and to the Abbot and Convent of Abbotesbury for the same purpose, £4 3*s.* 4*d.* to each. To the Abbot of Abbotesbury on the day of my burial 40*s.* To the Abbot of Serne in like manner 20*s.* To the Abbot of Middleton the same. To the convent of Abbotesbury to be distributed in common amongst them on the day of my burial, 40*s.* To each poor person coming on the day of my burial at Abbotesbury, 1*d.* I will that every tenant and poor person coming on the day of my trental at Houke [Hook, Dors.] be given a repast. To every priest coming thither to my exequies and to the mass on the morrow [ ][2] with their food. Likewise to every clerk there 6*d.* with their food. To every poor person coming thither on the same day 1*d.* To the sisters of the White Hall of Yevelchester 40*s.* and 2 quarters of corn. To the nuns of Polslowe 40*s.* To three chaplains to celebrate,

[1] Ledger, a large copy of the Breviary (N.E.D.)
[2] Blank in MS.

two in the chapel of Houke or in the church of Stapelford and one in the chapel of Kentecombe for a year after my decease for my soul and the souls of my ancestors and benefactors and for the soul of John Matravers knight late my husband, £15 that is 100*s.* to each of them. To the chapel of Kent for lands to be ordained *ad manum mortuum* for the sustentacion of the said chapel, 100*s.* To the vicar of the church of Poure to say a trental of S. Gregory 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Poure a pair of vestments of silk of white and red colour. To the church of Pourton towards its repair 20*s.* To the church of Middelchynnocke a pair of vestments of the value of 2 marks. To the church of Badecombe the same. To Robert rector of the church of Crowell 6 marks. To Estrill Pourton a gown of russet furred with "conyng" and a quarter of wheat. To each of the three then clerks of the chapel 6*s.* 8*d.* To Robert Knyght 13*s.* 4*d.* and a quarter of wheat. To Robert Gylys the miller a cow and a quarter of wheat. To Richard of the kitchin a cow. To Robert of the kitchen a quarter of wheat. To John Bayly cook's boy of the kitchen 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of S. Giles of Stapelford abovenamed 5 marcs. I bequeth for my lord John Matravers to make a vestment there, and because the said church has been well adorned by me and others, one missal price 5 marks. To John Hayron 3*s.* 4*d.* and a quarter of wheat. To John Haukyns the same. To Henry Gorewell the same. To Henry Veel 20*d.* and 4 bushels of wheat. To Henry Carter a quarter of wheat. To John Robyns 20*d.* and a quarter of wheat. To John "Couhurd" 2 bushels of wheat. To Matilda the wife of Henry Carter 3*s.* 4*d.* I make my executors Humphry Stafford knight my husband, William Ekerdon clerk, Robert Grey and Edmund Elyot clerk. Written at Houke the day and year abovesaid and signed with my seal. And afterwards the said Elisabeth on Sunday the feast of S. Calixtus 1413 by means of a codicil bequeathed certain goods as follows. To Elizabeth wife of Humphry Stafford my daughter a gown of scarlet furred with menever, a hood of scarlet and a mantell furred with grey. To Humphrey and Elisabeth his wife my daughter 12 dishes and 6 saucers of silver. To Katherine Cobham wife of Humphry Stafford a cup silver and gilt. To Margaret Beer a gown of "sangweyn." To Juliana Hillary a gown of violet. To Alice my chambermaid a

gown of blue. To the son of James Amarle a gown of green. To Master John Stafford 100*s.* To John Grey a cup of silver. To Robert Elwyll 40*s.* To the two boys of the chapel that they may stay at school for two years at the end of which I bequeath to each of them 20*s.* To every monk of Abbotesbury having the orders of a priest 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Abbot there 20*s.* and to every monk not a priest 40*d.* To Richard Hyde 10 marks. To the man (*homini*) of Stickelane 20*s.* To Thomas Estcourt in a year's time 40*s.* yearly during his life for his maintenance. I make my executors as above. Written at Repen the day and year abovesaid.

Proved November 29th, 1413.

1407. JOHN GANVILL.

[251 ARUNDELL.]

January 16th, 1407. John Ganvill, canon of Wells and rector of the church of Yevyll. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the said church of Yevell in the path *coram cruce dominica* standing in the said churchyard as one goes from the said church to the town of Yevell. To John Ganvyll, priest, my kinsman, a gown of scarlet furred with "crysty grey," a great lined hood of scarlet and a maser bound with silver and gilt with a circular foot. To Alice Fyscher, wife of Thomas Fischer, dwelling in Offyngton next Salop a scarlet robe furred with "puryd grey," a great hood furred with "puryd grey," a great cup bound with silver and gilt with silver foot, the end gilt of square work, a silver cup without a cover, six silver spoons, a tablecloth, two hand napkins (*sanappi*[1]) and two towels of parisian work. To Thomas Ganvyll, chaplain, my kinsman, a violet robe furred with crysty grey, a great lined hood of violet, a maser bound with silver and gilt with three silver feet, a silver cup without a cover, and 6 silver spoons. To John Ganvill, brother of the said Thomas Ganvill dwelling in Salop, a scarlet gown furred with puryd grey, a small lined hood of scarlet, and a silver cup without a cover. To John, Abbot of Michelney, my second best amice and surplice, a water vessel (*aquarium*) of silver and gilt, a

[1] Sanappi, Sanopi, a hand napkin.

tablecloth, two towels, two hand-napkins, furniture for the hall of "blu tapestry werk" containing one "doser," two costers, and four andres, two brigauntez, three long "brochas," two "vire pikes," two "tangez," two "colakkes,"[1] "*unum docerum stannatum de septem sapientibus*," and all my stained cloths which I have now at Wells for the ornament of my chapel. To Robert Haw, vicar of the church of Wells, one of my surplices. To John Palton a bed of "blu worsted" with a canvas, a mattress, two blankets, and an entire canopy with three curtains. To John Pant, my cook, a bed of red worsted with half a canopy, a canvas, a mattress, two blankets, three curtains, the third best pot and the third best pan. To William Mere, a white bed "dyaperid" with roses and lilies, a "keverlit," a tester, a canvas, a mattress, and two blankets. To Thomas Turry a tablecloth, two napkins, and two towels. To Ralph Canon the same. To Thomas Samuel a white "keverlit," a tester, and two "challonez."[2] To John Lernewyt my best brass pot, a bed of white and blue worsted with a "keverlyt," a tester, an entire canopy, a canvas, a mattress, two blankets, three curtains, seven carpets, eight "quistonez," and eleven cushions. I bequeath a missal and my great breviary to the perpetual use of the said church of Yevell and I will they never be removed therefrom as I trust in my faithful parishioners, that they keep the said breviary for ever for three chantry priests and their successors serving within the said church on the south side of the choir, and the said missal for the perpetual use of the high altar and that the said books remain where the other books of the said church are accustomed to be kept. To the perpetual use of the high altar of the said church of Yevell a chalice and a paten inlaid with silver and gilt, in the foot of which chalice is inscribed "*Jhe est amor meus*," and on the circumference of the paten, "*Domine ne in furore tuo arguas me, neque in ira tua corripias me*," together with a paxbred of silver the front of which is gilt, two silver phials, a silver bell, the outside gilt, a tablecloth, a towel and two napkins of the better sort which are at Yevell. To Magote Plummer, my laundress my largest pan. To William Boyfeld my second best brass pot and pan a "mediocre" dozen of pewter vessels "garnysshed"

[1] Collok, a great pail. (*North.*)
[2] Chalon: Chaucer uses this word in the sense of coverlet. (*Wright.*)

two chargers excepted, which set I bought of the executors of Thomas Byngham, late subdean of Wells, deceased. To Christian Doyge my second best tablecloth at Yevyll, and two towels there. To Thomas, perpetual vicar of Yevyll, my third best tablecloth, two napkins and two towels there. To Joan Truk a bed of white and red worsted with a canvas, a mattress two blankets, a "keuerlyt," a tester, an entire canopy and three curtains also at Yevyll. To Robert Arundell, page and keeper of my horses, my best brass pot and pan, a dozen of old pewter vessels "garnysshed" which John Bardolfe has in his keeping at Yevyll, a bed with canvas, mattress, two blankets, "keuerlyt," and a tester of blue worsted "embrouded."

The residue to my executors to distribute, after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, to the poorer servants of my household.

I make my executors my wellbeloved in Christ Thomas Terry, canon, John Alampton, vicar of the church of Wells, and John Lernewyt, my servant, to whom I bequeath 40*s*. To the vicars of the church of Wells who are present at my funeral 40*s*. To the chaplains of the church of Wells called "annuelars" that they may specially recommend my soul in their masses and other prayers, 20*s*. To John Lernewyt, my servant, a dozen of "Otur skynnes tawed."[1]

These being witnesses, Ralph Ergum, precentor, William Calf, succentor, Robert Ruge and others.

Proved February 23rd, 1407.

1408. JOHN THORITON, ESQUIRE.

[105 Arundell II.]

1408, Sunday next after the feast of S. Bartholomew. John Thoriton, esquire, of the county of Somerset. My body to be buried in the parish church of Camelegh. To Joan my wife and to her heirs all the rents and services which Thomas Botener, chaplain, son and heir of Thomas Botener late Burgess of the city of Bristol, is bound to render me for one tenement situate in Bristol in the street called "Bradstreet" between the

[1] Tawe, to beat and dress leather with alum, a process used with white leather instead of bark. (*Wright.*)

tenement called "Yeldhall" on the one side and the tenement of the prior of Bath on the other side, which said tenement the said Thomas Botener, chaplain, holds of the gift of me the said John, son of Isabella Toriton to the said Thomas Botener late Burgess of the said city, and his wife Matilda, and to the heirs of the body of the same Thomas lawfully begotten to by a certain writing of mine indented made to them, rendering certain rents and services specified in the said writing and in reversion thence in default of heirs of the said Thomas Botener late Burgess, to me the said John son of the said Isabella, my heirs and assigns. I will and grant together with the said rents and services to Joan my wife and to her heirs that the said tenement which through lack of heirs to the said Thomas Botener, burgess of the said city, is due to return to me the said John in *forma predicta*, shall, through lack of such issue, remain to the said Joan my wife and her heirs for ever. I bequeath also to Joan my wife all that tenement of mine situate in the suburb of Bristol in the street called "Redclyfstrete" which Philip de Toriton my father of late acquired from Stephen de Berkleigh, tanner (*allutore*) late burgess of Bristol, the said tenement being situate in the said street of "Redeclyf" between the land formerly of John la Boteller on the one side and the land formerly of John Firaunt on the other side, and extending from the said street in front unto the watercourse (*cursum aque*) behind, to have and to hold to the said Joan my wife and to her heirs for ever, *de capitalibus dominis feodi illius*, for the services due and of right accustomed.

The residue of my goods to Joan my wife.

Executors: Joan my wife and John Zougs, senior.

Proved May 14th, 1409.

1409. ELA, LADY ST. MAUR.

[43 Arundel II.]

November 28th, 1409. Ela, Lady de Saint Maur. My body to be buried in the new chapel of the priory of Staverdall, viz., next the body of Sir Richard de Saint Maur, knight, my husband. To discreet and suitable priests to celebrate 4,000 masses for my soul and for the souls of all the

faithful deceased within one month after my death £16 13*s.* 4*d.*, so that 1,000 be said "*de die*," 1,000 "*de Sancto Spiritu*," 1,000 "*de Sancta Maria*," and 1,000 for the faithful deceased that is, *requiem eternam*, and in every of these masses I will there be said the prayer "*Deus qui es nostra Redempcio cum Secretis et post com.*" To Sir John Beare, chaplain, to celebrate for my soul a Gregory trental for one year after my death, 10 marks. To be distributed among forty priests 100*s.*, and among my poor tenants 60*s.* To Oliver, Prior of Staverdall for tithes of his church ill-paid, £20, and to every canon there celebrating for my soul 6*s.* 8*d.* To Nicholas de St. Maur my son £20. To John my son, a pair of beads of "coraal" with gauds of gold (*ingaugeat cum auro*), a ring with a diamond and a silver bowl with the cover. To John Beare, chaplain, 100*s.* To John Boof, junior, 100*s.* To John Worth 5*s.* To Thomas Lovell 100*s.* To Richard Norexo 100*s.* To Joan his wife 40*s.* To William Tyndynhull 40*s.* To Nicholas Mew 40*s.* To the fabric of the nave of the church of Wynkaulton 10 marks.

The residue of my goods not bequeathed, viz., *blada in terra crescentia* to be exposed for sale by my executors to faithfully pay my debts. And if the residue will not suffice therefor I will a portion be deducted from each of my bequests to satisfy every creditor.

I make John de St. Maur my son, John Worth, John Beare, chaplain, and John Boof [or Beef], junior, my executors.

In witness whereof I have set my seal.

Proved March 15th, 1409.

[The Inq. p.m. of Richard de St. Maur, chevalier, is dated 2 Henry IV.]

1410. THOMAS GOUNDENHAM.

[51 Arundel II.]

April 10th, 1410. Thomas Goundenham of Langford. My body to be buried in the church of Langford. To Sir John Loveney, chaplain 8*s.* To John my son, living with the said Sir John Loveney 8*s.* I bequeath 24*s.* of a rent of mine in Welyngton, of a third of twenty years to celebrate for my soul. The residue to Alianor my wife, and John Goundenham my son, and John Priggs whom I make my executors. In witness

whereof, I have set my seal, these being witnesses, Sir Walter Foord, Sir John Loveney, priest, and Thomas Godeslond.

1411. JOHN FRAUNCEYS.

[162 Arundel II.]

October 23rd, 1411. John Fraunceys, canon of Wells *et Literarum domini nostri pape scriptor abbreviator.* My body to be buried where God shall please. To the fabric of my church of Saltwode [Kent] 20*s.* To my chapel of Heth [Hythe] 20*s.* To the Abbess of the nuns of the Blessed Mary of Wynton, 40*s.* to be distributed amongst the nuns, that they may faithfully pray for my soul. To the church of Wells 13*s.* 4*d.* To my vicar of Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* To two chaplains to celebrate for one year, one in my chapel of Heth, and the other at the altar of S. Katherine the Virgin in the church of S. Anthony of London, where my kinsman John Savage, was lately buried, 20 marks. To the Friars of S. Anthony 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Coli, chaplain 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir Hugh, chaplain 3*s.* 4*d.* To Simon, lying in hospital 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Friars of the orders Carmelite, Minors, and of S. Augustine, to each order 20*s.* to pray for my soul. To the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, a tall covered cup of white and beryl, silver, and gilt with the foot silver and gilt, and it is kept in a silver case, also a "tabula" of gold to have me in remembrance. To Sir John Bath, a bowl (*tassa*[1]), silver and gilt with a gilt cover. To John Macclesfeld, a bowl, silver and gilt with the cover. To Sir Robert Fraunceys, knight, my kinsman the same. To Sir John Bollessore, my kinsman the same. To Agnes my sister 10 marks. To Adam Irmongre, her husband 20*s.* To John Macclesfeld, a red bed embroidered. To the abovesaid Sir Robert, a beautiful coverlet of silk. To Sir Adam, chaplain to John Macclesfield 20*s.* To Roger Straunge, servant to the said John 20*s.* To Robert also his servant 3*s.* 4*d.* To William Botiller in the same house 3*s.* 4*d.* Sir John Ryton, my chaplain at Heth 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish [church] of Saltwode 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir John Drye, chaplain 20*s.* To Sir John Bollesore for his long and faithful service, a gown (*joppam*) of scarlet with fur, and hood, and a red bed of worsted, embroidered, with all the apparel. I will all

[1] tassa, scyphus, patera, *tasse.* (*Ducange.*)

other my goods not bequeathed as contained in an indenture delivered to Sir John Bollessore, my special proctor, be sold, and the money derived given to the poor, and to chaplains to pray and celebrate for my soul, the souls of my father and mother, and of all the faithful deceased. I make my executors, Sir Robert Fraunceys, knight, John Macclesfeld, precentor of the house of S. Antony and Sir John Bollessore, clerk, and I will they sell my tenement situate above Leston beyond the bridge of the town of Hythe between the sea and the bridge, and distribute the money for my soul. I will that the nine cloths of gold of Cyprus of one suit, and the red ground be sold as above and also the three new cloths of gold of Luca, and the red ground and the fourth cloth of ramacate. To Sir Thomas rector of the church of S. Mary atte Hill 20*s*.

Proved February 18th, 1412.

1413. HUMPHRY STAFFORD, SENIOR, KNT.

[173 Arundel II.]

April 5th, 1413. Humphry Stafford, knight, senior. My body to holy burial in the chapel of S. Andrew, next the chapel of the Blessed Mary in the Abbey church of Abbotesbury. To the church of the Blessed Mary of Sarum 20*s*. To the Friars Minors of Stafford, 5 marks to celebrate for the souls of me and of my ancestors. To the Friars Minors of Dorcestre 20*s*. To the Friars Preachers of Yevelchestre 20*s*. To the repair and sustentacion of the church of Clinton 40*s*. To the church of Farnbourgh 40*s*. To William Ekerdon, clerk, 10 marks. To Robert Grey 66*s*. 8*d*. To Edmund Elyot, clerk, 66*s*. 8*d*. To the Friars Minors of Briggewater 20*s*. To the Friars Minors of Sarum 20*s*. To the Friars Preachers there 20*s*. To the Nuns of Yevelchestre 40*s*. To the church of Bromhulf 66*s*. 8*d*. The residue to Elisabeth my wife. I make my executors, Elisabeth my wife, William Ekerdon, clerk, Robert Grey and Edmund Elyot. Done at Houke in the county of Dorset, the day and year abovewritten, and signed with my seal. And afterwards the said Humphry on October 30th, 1413, by means of a codicil bequeathed various goods as follows:—To the Abbot and Convent of Westminster of the rents in arrear of the manor of

Pirton in the county of Stafford £23 13*s.* 4*d.* To the Abbot of Abbotesbury for a chaplain to celebrate there for four years, £20. To the chaplain of Kentecombe for two years £8. To Robert Morgan 5 marks. To Humphry Lowe 5 marks. To Richard Cokks 13*s.* 4*d.* To Robert Baker 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Hawõn 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Bulpan 20*s.* To John Boteler 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Chamberlayn 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Bulpan 20*s.* To John Hillary 20*s.* To Philip Denebaud 20*s.* To John de Coquina 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Andrewe 6*s.* 8*d.* To Roger Stiver 6*s.* 8*d.* To Robert de Coquina 6*s.* 8*d.* To the two boys of the chapel 6*s.* 8*d.* each. To John Bettescomb 6*s.* 8*d.* To Richard Samford 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Turnor 6*s.* 8*d.* To Alice of the Chamber 20*s.* To the church of Burmyngton 40*s.* To the church of Dundene, 5 marks. To Robert Elwyll 26*s.* 8*d.* To Margaret Beere 20*s.* To each man serving him in his household in the position of gentlemen (*generosi*) 20*s.* To each woman servant in the same state 20*s.* To each valet serving in his household 13*s.* 4*d.* To each groom 6*s.* 8*d.* To each page 40*d.* To Humphry Stafford my son, and Elisabeth his wife a charger, 12 dishes and six silver saucers. And I make my executors, William Ekerdon, clerk, Robert Grey and Edmund Elyot, clerk. Written at Houke the day and year abovesaid and signed with my seal.

Proved November 29th, 1413.

1413. THOMAS COUSIN, CANON OF WELLS.

[168 Arundell II.]

On the feast of S. Aldelm [May 25th], 1413. Thomas Cousin, canon of Wells. My body to be buried in the church of Wells. To the fabric of the said church 40*s.* To the high altar a corporal with a case. To the high altar of my church of Cammell[1] a chalice, one pair of vestments, a surplice and a corporal with a case. To the fabric of the same church two great spits (*veru*). To Sir Nicholas chaplain there a gown which is there. To John Walsch my servant my bed as it hangs there, two sheets, two coverlets, 2 oxen with a yoke and iron chain and waggon *si invenerit cum Nicho Stour fidelem post mortem meam.*

[1] Instituted rector of West Camel, Feb. 7, 1401. *Somerset Incumbents*, 43.

To William my servant a bed with the tester, two sheets and 2 blankets. To Thomas son of Walter Barbor my second best girdle. To Richard Badcook an ox. To William Dunhede an ox. To John Trente my servant my entire bed as it hangs at Wells with two sheets, two blankets, two pillows (*pulvinariis*) a "materas," two of the better oxen, an iron chain, and my horse called "Cutt" with saddle and bridle. To John Horn all my sawn timber (*meremium quadratum*), at my gate, and in my house and all that is in the Dean's barn. I forgive him all that he owes me. To John Smyth my breviary. To William Hope my best gown, and my lined cloak (*armulausam dupplicatam*). To Sir John Uxebrugh a second best gown. To the church of Sparkford a surplice. To Sir Nicholas Steur my best silver piece and my best girdle with a purse (*marsupio*). The residue to my executors to dispose for my soul and the souls of those for whom I am bound as they shall be inspired by God. I make my executors Master Nicholas Steur and Sir William Hope. To the community of the vicars of Wells my hanging painted with a figure, my gown and a pipe of iron.

Proved June 22nd, 1413.

1413. WILLIAM EKERDON.

[175 Arundell II.]

November 8th, 1413. William Ekerdon canon of the church of S. Peter [Exeter] and rector of Langbride [Longbredy Dorset] in the diocese of Sarum. My body to holy burial next to Dodyngton[1] within the south tower (*campanile*) of the church of S. Peter. To the church of Sarum 6*s.* 8*d.* To the church of S. Peter of Exeter 40*s.* To the nave of the church of Maidenn Nc̄ton [Maiden Newton] 6*s.* 8*d.* To the [light] standing there before the image of S. John the Baptist 20*s.* To the Friars of Dorchester 13*s.* 4*d.* To the Friars of Yvelchester 10*s.* To the Friars Preachers and Friars Minors of Exeter 10*s.* each. To find four chaplains to celebrate the year after my death, two in the church of Langebride and two in the cathedral church of Exeter, £22 for their stipends and for wine, wax and other necessaries.

[1] John de Dodyngton, Rector of Crewkerne and Canon of Exeter. His will, dated March 26th, 1400, is given in Bshop Stafford's Register (Exeter) 379.

To Edmund Elyot clerk 40*s.* To William Whyting hermit at Sherborne 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Prauncard 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Dyber 40*s.* To be distributed among the Abbot and monks of Abbotsbury 20*s.*, among the Abbot and monks of Cerne 20*s.* I will my executors distribute money among the poor on the day of my burial. I bequeath £4 3*s.* 4*d.* to celebrate 1,000 masses with haste after my death. To John Brode 100*s.* of money owed to me. To Walter Hanekoc my page 5 marks. To William Flay 5 marks. To John Ekerdon 100*s.* To William Felde 100*s.* To John Horsman 13*s.* 4*d.* To William Holme 6*s.* 8*d.* To Reginald my chorister 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Belworth my late chorister 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Trunket 10*s.* To hold my obit in the choir of the church of Exeter for a month from the time of my death £4 12*s.* 2*d.* I bequeath my best gown of the corrody of the Bishop of Exeter, furred, to Hugh my vicar. To Matilda the mother of my page 6*s.* 8*d.*, and a single gown. To Edmund Jamys 6*s.* 8*d.* To Robert Veel a silver cup "flat" with the cover. To Robert Grey a silver cup "pounset" with the cover marked with Andrew's cross. To the church of Langbride a book called "Willm de montibus,"[1] a gradual, an antiphonal, an ordinal, a missal, a chalice of gold, one apparel of silk for the altar, a set of vestments to hold my obit every year and to pray for my soul in the pulpit every Sunday in the year. I will the red breviary be given to a poor priest and so from priest to priest as long as it endure, and the breviary covered with silk in the same way. To John Hull a breviary which he has. To John Byncombe 13*s.* 4*d.* To find four poor clerks to school at Oxford for two years, fifty marks, to be equally divided. I bequeath £20 to be placed in a certain chest in the treasury for the holding of my obit for twenty years after my death, that is 20*s.* each year. To John Hull my executor for his labour 5 marks. To John Brode, Robert Dunnyng and Gilbert Spenser 5 marks each. To John Gilbert to celebrate a trental of S. Gregory for my soul in the next month 10 marks. To Henry Keyche chaplain 40*s.* To Edwolde Packe 20*s.*, to Joan his wife a gown furred. The residue to my executors to distribute for my soul. I make my executors John Hull vicar of Colyton, Robert Dunnyng of Exeter, Gilbert

[1] Gulielmus Leycestrius (Lelando c. 255, Gulielmus Montanus seu de Montibus) Anglus, Canon, August. Lincolniensis *circa* 1217. (*Fabricius.*)

Spenser chaplain and John Brode my valet. In witness whereof I have set my seal.

Proved January 19th, 1413.

1414. ROBERT PASSEWATER.

[203 Arundell II.]

March 30th, 1414. Robert Passewater rector of the church of Sampford [Orcas] diocese of Wells. My body to be buried within the chancel of the said church before the image of the Blessed Mary in the north part. To the church of Wells 40*d.* To the fabric of the said church of Stampford 100*s.* To Emmota my sister an ox, one stone of wool or a noble, one brass pot, the third best tablecloth with one tuell and that which she owes me. To Alice my sister, an ox, a stone of wool or a noble, a brass pot, the fourth best tablecloth with a towell and that which she owes me. To John and Robert her sons all my books not bequeathed that they may pray for me and my master of Marnhull and may leave them to others after their death, and to each of them a bed. To Alice the daughter of the said Alice a stone of wool or a noble, a brass pot and a pan. To Sir John my chaplain a great book of sermons, the best maser and 20*s.* To each of my scholars a bushel of wheat, and a bushel of beans. To every tenant in Sampford and Wedegrove the same. I make my executors Adam Langthorne and Master John Langthorne his son and Master Robert Holbrowke supervisor that the said Adam and John with the residue of my goods, may pay, my debts and funeral expenses and distribute for my soul as they think best. Given at Sampford the day, month, and year abovewritten.

Proved May 6th, 1414.

1415. WILLIAM LORYNG, CANON OF SARUM.

[290 Chichele I.]

December 14th, 1415. William Loryng.[1] My body to be buried in the churchyard of the Blessed Virgin Mary of New Sarum on the west side of the same church before the image of

[1] William Loring held the prebend of Biggleswade, diocese of Lincoln, in 1383 and 1388. (*Le Neve.*)

the Blessed Virgin Mary at the west door next John Paynre my kinsman. I will that all goods illegally exacted or retained by me be restored and paid out of my goods to the entire satisfaction of those from whom it shall be shown that I have had them. I bequeath all my silver vessels to the monastery of Eleynestow[1] in the diocese of Lincoln towards the reparation of the same, and that they may keep my obit, that of Nigel my brother and of my parents for 20 years next ensuing upon my death, taking from the sale of the said vessels each year on the day of my obit 20*s*. To the same monastery one blue bed with coverlet, tester (*testorio*) and half the "celur, enbrouded" with gold and my arms (*scutis*). To Mag. Mordaunt 40*s*. I bequeath 100*s*. to be distributed among the nuns of the said monastery and 20*s*. to the Abbess there in my first exequies in the said monastery after my death that they may specially pray for my soul, the souls of Nigel my brother, and of my parents and benefactors. I bequeath my missal of which the second folio after the kalender begins "ad gradum chori," and my great gilt chalice to the high altar of the church of Bangor and one ordinal written by the hand of Walter Bernard that the souls abovesaid may be specially and publicly commended on Sundays in their prayers. I bequeath my small missal to my prebendal chapel of Thorleton.[2] To the parish church of Honyspull one missal of which the second folio begins "ne sacerdos" one whole vestment with copes and tunicles of cloth of gold, my ordinal written "*litera textuali*" all of which are at the said church. To William Spyne during his life my great breviary the second folio of which begins, "expavescit," and after his decease I will it remain to the church of Honysspull for ever for the use of poor priests serving there. To the collegiate church of Wynborn Mynstre one large missal of which the second folio after the kalendar begins, "mana et pro papa" and one vestment with three copes of white silk and cloth of gold which is there. I bequeath my three books, one "de meditacionibus Anselmi," another "de meditacionibus Passionis Christi," and

[1] Elstow, Benedictine Nunnery in Bedfordshire.

[2] Torleton in the parish of Rodmarton, Gloucestershire, is a prebend in the church of Sarum: testator's successor was collated January 15th, 1416 (Jones's *Fasti eccl. Sarum*).

the other "de meditacionibus beati Bernardi" to the monks of the monastery of the Carthusian order in Selewode [Witham] to whose prayers I commend myself. To master Thomas Duffeld one of my small breviaries which he shall choose. To John Pycot another breviary which he has. To the college of the hall of Merton, Oxford, all my books mentioned in certain indentures made between myself and the said college. A "magistrum sentenciarum" and all other books of theology not bequeathed I bequeath to my executors to distribute or sell as shall seem best to them for my soul for the exhibition of my scholars at Oxford so that if such distribution to any of my scholars be made as abovesaid, then they shall possess the books for their lifetime by praying specially for my soul, so that before their decease they deliver the said books to other scholars of my exhibition, and thus continuing from scholar to scholar, the said exhibition shall be maintained with my money. And when it shall cease the books shall remain to the college of the hall of Merton for ever that they may pray for my soul and the souls for whom I am bound to pray. I will that all my books of civil law shall remain in the common library of the scholars of Cambridge university for ever. I will all my books of Canon Law be sold by my executors and the money disposed for my soul. I bequeath £100 for the exhibition of my scholars at Oxford for five years after my death. To Sir John Franks my bible in two volumes provided he stand by and assist my executors as far as he can in all that is done for me. To Sir Geoffrey 20*s*.

The residue to my executors named below, namely, master Thomas Duffield, master Simon Sydenham, Sir Richard Holhurst and William Spyne. I make master John Chaundeler Dean[1] of the cathedral church of Sarum supervisor. I will that none of my executors dispose any of my goods without the unanimous consent of the others, but I will each of them be rewarded out of my goods according to his labour on my behalf.

Proved March 20th, 1415.

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[1] 1404–17.

1415. JOHN JEWE.

[294 CHICHELE.]

1415. I, John Jewe make my testament as follows:—My body to holy burial, viz., in the churchyard of the church of Wyflescombe. To the cathedral church of Sarum 3*s.* 4*d.* To the vicar of Whytchurche for tithes forgotten 6*s* 8*d.* To the vicar of Wyflescombe 6*s.* 8*d.* To the rector of Pullesden 20*s.* for tithes forgotten. To the Abbot of Ford and to his monks 20*s.* To the Abbey of Canelile [Canonlegh] 20*s.* To the church of Borstok [Burstock, Dorset] an ox and a cow. To the Friars of Dorchestre 5*s.* To the Friars of Bristol of the Augustinian order 5*s.* To the hospital of the Blessed Trinity and the glorious martyr S. Thomas at London 3*s.* 4*d.* I bequeath one trental (each) to the Rector of Hywhysse Chanflor [Huish Champflower], the Rector of Cloteworthi [Clatworthy], the Vicar of Borstoke, the Rector of Bedescombe and Sir William Stefyn. To William Jewe my brother one gown furred with bever. To every poor person on the day of my burial 1*d.* To John my son one cup called "grete maser" which once was my father's cup, and after his death it shall remain from heir to heir for ever. To the said John my son one silver piece with the cover. To William my son and to Thomas my son, one silver piece with the cover. To Joan and Elisabeth my daughters a silver piece (each). To William Jewe all my lands and tenements in "Greylyshey" for the term of his life and after his decease they shall remain to my feoffees for the marriage of my daughters and after their marriage to my wife for the term of her life. To my said brother a cup with the cover. To the Rector of Pullesden a cloak (*pallium*) and a gown, furred. To Robert Blaneford all my timber in a certain place under an ash tree opposite my gate on the south side of the three best, and one "baslarde." To Alice Panter for the term of her life the rent of 20*s.* to be taken from my feoffees. To my wife two gowns furred, one with "calabyr" and the other with "grey," and all my rents from now until the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, that is to say de terminis Nativitatis Dñi, Pasche, Nativitatis St. Johannis Baptiste, Michis, et Nãt Dñi. To John Lokezerd my two burgages in Dorchester for the term of his

life and one blue gown furred. To Robert Lokyas half a quarter of corn, half a quarter of barley, and one gown furred. To Thomisia Cole two bushels of corn and two bushels of barley. To Joseph Wattecombe half a quarter of corn and two bushels of barley. To Margaret Tristram a bushel of corn and a bushel barley. To John Grynehelle a three year old steer. To Matilda Berdys a three year old heifer. To Idonea my servant 13*s.* 4*d.* two blankets (*banketas*), and 2 sheets. To Margery my servant 40*d.* To Alice Tristram a four-year old cow. To John at Horsemelle two ewes with their lambs. To the daughter of John Lukezerde four ewes with their lambs. To the daughter of Henry Horshey four ewes with their lambs.

The residue to Margery my wife and I make her, my brother William Jewe and William Thomas, rector of Pullesden, my executors.

Proved. No date.

1421. WALTER MEDEFORD.

[359 Chichele I.]

December 15th, 1421. I, Walter Medeford, Dean of the church of Wells, in my house (*hospicio*) in the parish of S. John Zakary in London make my will as follows:—My body to be buried, if I die in England, in the cathedral church of S. Andrew of Wells near the tomb of lord John Harewell[1] of good memory formerly Bishop of Wells. To the said church £10. I will my obsequies and mass on the morrow be solemnly said for my soul in the aforesaid church. I bequeath 100*s.* to be distributed by my executors to poor and needy persons coming of their devotion to the said church on the said day so that each may have 1*d.* as long as the said sum shall last. To every canon of the said church present at my obsequies and mass on the morrow, 8*d.* Similarly to every vicar of the said church, to the Master of the Scholars and to every chantry priest present, 5*d.* To the Vicar of S. Cuthbert of Wells 8*d.* and to every priest in the church of S. Cuthbert or elsewhere in the city of Wells, the vicars and others of the church of S. Andrew excluded, 4*d.*, provided they celebrate my obsequies with mass on the morrow

[1] Bishop, 1369–1386.

solemnly by note. To every chorister and sacrist of the said church of S. Andrew of Wells present at my obsequies and mass on the morrow provided that the sacrists ring the bells at my anniversary 3*d.* To an honest priest to be nominated by my executors £46 13*s.* 4*d.* to celebrate for 7 years in the parish church of Hakebourne [East Hagbourne] in the archdeaconry of Berks for my soul and the souls of Edward and Richard lately Kings of England, of Sir Edmund de Bury, of Geoffrey and Constance my parents, of lord Richard Medeford lately bishop of Sarum,[1] of Elias and John my brothers, of Elizabeth Aston and Julian Walden my relatives and all the faithful dead, and to say every day placebo and dirige with mass on the morrow and commendations or at the very least to say mass every sixth day for the said souls throughout the term named. And I will that the said priest receive from my executors each year of those seven years for his stipend 10 marks to be paid of the said £46 13*s.* 4*d.* The said priest shall obey and serve the vicar of the church of Hakebourne for the time being and shall be present on festivals, at canonical hours, and other divine offices, unless he is reasonably hindered. To the vicar of the church of Hakebourne 20*s.* To the fabric of the same church 40*s.* Under this condition that the vicar for the time being and the parishioners there permit the said priest for the said 7 years freely to minister in the said church of Hakebourne, but if they are unwilling then all the premisses shall be given to the church of Bebury [Bibury co. Gloster] together with the legacies to the said priest and church of Hakebourne. I bequeath to the church of Hakebourne and to the said priest during his term of seven years one vestment of Baudekyn of diverse colours worked with diverse leaves with a frontel and counterfrontel of the same suit and half a frontel with one chasuble, one alb, one amice, one stole, one maniple of the same sort, and one corporas of tartaryn ray with my small missal, two small "*fiolas*" otherwise crewetes of silver, one chalice price 30*s.* to be bought by my executors and all these things are to remain to the church of Hakebourne after the seven years are past. I bequeath to seven innocent women 46*s.* 8*d.* that each of them may say for my soul immediately they hear of my death one "*plenum*

[1] Bishop of Sarum 1396–1407.

psalterium" in remission of the seven deadly sins by which I have often offended Almighty God. To ten virgins 33*s.* 4*d.* that each may say for the health of my soul and for the remission of my sins by which I have otherwise offended God and the glorious Virgin Mary in the ten commandments one "*plenum psalterium cum bona devocione de B.M.*" I bequeath to five chaplains that each of them may say for my soul and the souls abovenamed a trental of St. Gregory and for the remission of all my sins by which I have offended God in the five senses, viz., to each of them 30*s.* I will that my executors immediately they hear of my death cause 1,000 masses to be celebrated within a month for my soul and the souls abovenamed. To the Master of the scholars at Wells 6*s.* 8*d.* and to his scholars 13*s.* 4*d.* with this condition, that on every day for one month they shall devoutly stand and say publicly in the school before they go from school to supper (*cenam*) for my soul and the souls of the faithful dead the psalm De Profundis with the customary prayers and oracion of the faithful dead. To my poor parishioners in my parish of Bedewynd [Bedwin, Wilts.] 50*s.* To my poor parishioners in my parish of Byslegh [Bisley, Glos.] 40*s.*, to the poor parishioners in my parish of Bishopston 40*s.* To my prebendal church of Bedewynde my vestment of red Baudekyn with all the apparel for priest deacon and subdeacon, and with the frontell, counterfrontel and half frontell of the same suit with two curteynes of white tarteryne. To Elizabeth Talbot my relative one small bed containing one coverlet, one testor, one celor, and three curteynes, coster and two bankers, "*palet de viridi blodio levi et rubio worsted.*" To the same Elizabeth one new pair of blankets, one new pair of sheets, one matras, one canvasse and one plane piece with a cover of silver price 40*s.* two brass pots, two brass pans, one posnet of bras, two dozen of pewter vessells, one tablecloth for the high table after the third best and a washing towell of Paryswerke the third best, my best tablecloth of plane linen cloth for the second table, two basyns with two ewers of laton which are at Bedewynd, my book of prayers which I gave to her before my departure from England, having clasps of silver and gilt, one being an angel, and £20. I bequeath to Alice Hunt my sister £10 under this

condition that she demand nothing from the legacies left to her in the will of Richard Medford, lately Bishop of Sarum, because as God is my witness the whole has been paid to her or to Robert Hunt my nephew, her son and her daughters. To William Walden my kinsman £20, and I will that John Godyn my executor have the keeping of the said William and the said £20, whilst he is still a youth. To Eleanor, my sister, one red bed of large size with testor and celor embroidered with white stags and hares with three costers of pleyn worsted and three cusshyns of the same kind, 2 brass pots, 2 pans, 2 dozen of pewter vessells, 100 sheep being at Bedewynd, 2 cows, 2 oxen, one waggon bound with iron with three horses and 100*s*. To John Medeford husband of the said Elienor 40*s*. and all my armour. Alice Shotelsbroke my niece 100*s*. Elienor Fichnycoll my niece 100*s*. Margaret Holeot my niece 100*s*., so that they demand nothing of the legacies left to them in the will of Richard Medeford lately bishop of Sarum because they have been satisfied of those same legacies. To each of the daughters of Elienor Medeford my sister 100*s*. that they may be married to good and honest persons according to the discretion of my executors. To each of the daughters of Agnes Daundesey my sister whilst she lived to their marriage 100*s*. To Agnes my niece wife of John Shawe of Oxon 100*s*. To Elizabeth Spremoce my relative £20. To Joan Colyngbourne mother of Robert Colyngbourne one great standing piece with a cover with an eagle on the handle of silver and 12 silver spoons. To Alice Parshut my relative a standing piece with a cover and over the handle of the cover an eagle of silver. To William Parshut her husband my white palfrey and my chariot at Bedewynd and one vestment for a priest, viz., a chasuble, an amice, an alb, a maniple, and a reversible stole of Russet Baudekyn on one side and black velvet on the other. To Robert Hunt my nephew 10 marks, so that he demands nothing from the will of Richard Medford, to his wife 40*s*. To William Pyry my clerk "*totum corpus juris civilis*" and I will that he choose the best of my civil books, also one standing piece of silver with three bears on the cover and my small gipser[1] with rynges and knoppes of silver and gilt and

[1] A purse, pouch or wallet suspended from a girdle (N.E.D.)

covered with black baudekyn, one girdle of black silk with bokell, pendant, and eight barrys of silver and gilt, one tablecloth of Parys work, the fourth best, one towell of the same work, the fourth best, 2 brass pots, 2 brass pans, one pair of rakkes of iron, one dozen pewter vessell, 6 silver spoons and 100*s.* To John Walyngford my receiver (*receptori*) £10, one young horse trotter which John Salisbury vicar of Bysshopston gave me. To Master Roger Harewell, archdeacon of Bath, my book of decrees (*decretorum*), my great Bible and my book of decretals (*decretalium*). To Master Reginald Kentwode, archdeacon of London, my book "*Januensem in suo cathalicon.*" My sconse (*sconsam*) of silver of good weight and gilt in the rim. To Matilda Hales my sister in London my bed of Baudekyn of diverse colours with testour and celour of great size and 6 cusshyns of blue silk cloth with three curtyns of blew tartaryn. To John Weston vintner of London one piece of silver with a cover well gilt and worked with vines round the piece and the cover. To Alice his wife my small spiceplate of silver which William Piry my clerk gave me. To John Godyn grocer of London one great silver piece chaset with a cover which the prior of Bartelmew gave me of good weight (*bene ponderantem*), and my small Bible which is at Bedewynd. To Walter Grene of Popeler my best cuirass (*lorica*), and one small superaltar for his altar which Thomas Blount gave me. To Alice his wife £10 to specially pray for my soul. To Alice Spenser of Popeler 20*s.* To each godchild 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir William Strecle vicar of Bedewynd 20*s.* To Sir John Parker rector of Larkefeld[1] 13*s.* 4*d.* To Robert Shaket and Thomas Sylpryn clerks of the church of Bedewynd 20*s.* equally between them. To Thomas Stokke and his wife 40*s.* To Sir William, the chaplain celebrating in the church of Bedewynd, and Sir Richard, chaplain of Shisbury, each, 3*s.* 4*d.*, to pray for my soul, as long as it pleases them. Walter Warde my godson 100*s.* To John Holmege my chaplain 100*s.* Richard Colyngbourne my servant £10. John Holeot my servant 20*s.* Robert Paynet my servant 30*s.* Thomas Touker my servant and clerk 40*s.* John Colyn my servant and principal catour (*catori*) 5 marks. To Ralph Lawe

[1] This old parish has disappeared; it was near East Malling in Kent.

of my pantry 5 marks. To William Wedmore of the kitchen 20*s.* To my church of Bisshopeston one vestment for a priest price 5 marks. I leave 100*s.* to be distributed among my poor tenants within my deanery of Wells. To the vicar of Wedmore 6*s.* 8*d.* To each convent of friars in Bristoll and Oxon 20*s.* To the altar of the chantry of lord Richard Medeford lately bishop of Sarum founded in the church of Sarum my great missal which John Shotesbroke has and which the same bishop gave me in his will. To the vicar of my church of Bisshopeston 6*s.* 8*d.* To the liberation of poor prisoners in Ludgate, London, 100*s.*, and in Newgate, London, 100*s.* To Walter of the stable 30*s.* To the Reverend Father in Christ Lord Henry, Bishop of Winton, my book "de Lyra" humbly asking him to be overseer of this my will.

Executors: Master Reginald Kentwode, Archdeacon of London, Master Roger Harewell, Archdeacon of Bath, Sir John Dawerd, warden of Tormeton, Matilda Hales, my sister, John Weston, vintner, John Godyn, grocer of London, John Walyngford "domicellus," and William Pyry, my clerk.

Residue: My goods to be divided into three parts. The first part to Elizabeth Talbot, Alice Hunte and Elienor Medeford my sisters, and my other relatives mentioned above. The second part:—To be converted by my executors to pious uses and to pay my debts. The third part:—I leave to John Godyn and William Pyry my executors to dispose for the welfare of my soul.

In witness whereof I have placed my seal, dated at London.

Proved July 14th, 1423, by William Piry.

[Walter Medford, Dean of Wells, 1413–23.
1409—January 21st. Treas. London, 354.
1402—September 26th. Chan. Sarum, 650.
1404—December 26th. Arch. Berks 634.
1397—August 20th. Arch. Dorset, 639.
1404—December 14th. Arch. Sarum, 624.
1417—December 9th. Preb. Portpoole. London, 427.
1418—February 19th. Cadington Minor. London, 372.]

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1423. RICHARD FORSTER.

[365 CHICHELE.]

September 10th, 1423. Richard Forster. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary of Stall in Bath. To the fabric of the church of Wells 12*d.* To my four boys £80, and if any die his part shall remain to the survivors, and if all die then the said sum shall be disposed for an anniversary to be celebrated yerely for my soul, for the souls of my parents, friends and benefactors and of all the faithful dead. To a chaplain to celebrate for my soul for two whole years at the altar of S. Katherine in the church of S. Michael without the North gate of Bath 16 marks. To the making of the King's way towards Twerton £10. For distribution to the poor on the day of my burial 100*s.* To summon (*pro convocatione*) my friends on the day of my burial, for wax, for gowns for thirteen poor men and for all other necessaries 20 marks, and after my burial, there shall remain in my parish church two wax tapers for the sacrament, and in the other parish churches one wax taper for the sacrament, and in the chapel of S. Katherine one wax taper for the sacrament. To the vicar of Stall 6*s.* 8*d.* To my two apprentices, Thomas and John, £3 each. To Matilda my apprentice 40*s.* if she fulfil her engagement until her marriage. To the bells of my parish church 6*s.* 8*d.* To my two executors for their labours and trouble £6 each. The residue to Edith my wife. I make my executors Ralph Hunt and Robert Walleys. These being witnesses, Sir John Barent clerk, Sir John Churcheward clerk, and John Zewe.

Proved September 16th, 1423.

1424. NICHOLAS BUBWITH, BISHOP.

[378 CHICHELE.]

October 5th, 1424. And in the seventeenth year of my translation to the church of Bath and Wells. Nicholas Bubwith by Divine permission Bishop of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the church of S. Andrew of Wells in the tomb under the chapel which I caused to be made there for

the chantries of certain chaplains to celebrate divine offices therein for my soul and the souls of my parents and benefactors by the grace of God for ever, according to the ordinance of me or my executors. To the high altar of the same church the best set of ecclesiastical vestments that I have, to wit one chasuble, two tunicles, three copes with albs, amices, stoles, maniples and other things belonging thereto, a frontal and superfrontal well and finely worked with pearls or marguerites, my best cross and my best tabernacle to receive the Lord's Body. I bequeath 1,000 marks to be distributed and paid by my executors for the benefit of the souls of all for whom I am bound to pray or from whom I have received any goods, that is, 250 marks for the celebration of masses in the University of Oxford by priests unbeneficed or poorly beneficed who are studying there, at the discretion of my executors, 250 marks among the bretheren of the four orders, to wit Preachers, Minors, Augustinians and Carmelites at London, Ivelcestre, Briggewater, Bristoll, beginning at London and so continuing to each order abovenamed, and then elsewhere according to the number of those who are priests in the said places at the discretion of my executors. Also for the purchase of vestments and other ornaments for the church of Olney in the county of Bucks according to the ordinance of the Rector there and the executors of Sir John Graunt sometime Rector there £100. The rest to wit 350 marks, I will be disposed in works of charity. I bequeath 1,000 marks to be expended upon the mending and repair of bad and deep ways within the county of Somerset. I will that 1,000 marks be diligently expended for the construction and building of a new library over the *pagina* or Eastern side of the cloister of the said church of Wells between the South door of the said church next the escheator's chamber and the door which leads from the church through the said cloister unto the Bishop's palace and for the construction and completion of the campanile or North tower at the West end of the said church to be there completed by God's will in all respects similar to the Southern tower there called "Harewelstoure," on this condition that the chapter of the said church duly pay toward the said work, so to be built, the 300 marks which it granted to me for the said work to be paid out of the fines of the three first and the next

following residenciaries of the said church for their residence to be made there, so that the said library may be perfected and completed and the said North tower forthwith be begun and on its completion be called and designated "Bubbewithstoure." I bequeath for the finishing and perfecting of a certain tower already begun by me at the West end of the parish church of Bubbewith in the county of York and for the repair of the bells there and for the heightening of the walls of the church on each side above the pillars also for the making of three or four windows on each side together with a tabernacle of stone of suitable height over the said walls, in addition to the £100 I have already expended for the building of the said tower, 250 marks. I bequeath £40 for the purchase and gift of vestments and ecclesiastical ornaments to the church of the Priory of Lodres in the county of Dorset for the benefit of my soul. For distribution at the discretion of my executors among the poor parishioners of Menethorp and Hemyngburgh, and especially at Menethorp where I was born, 20 marks. For like distribution at Bubbewith where I was brought up, 20 marks. I will that none of my executors acquire or appropriate any goods or debt of mine without the consent of Sir Thomas Shelford, Sir John Reynold, Sir John Knyzt and Sir John Storthwait or of two at least of them, and if anything is done to the contrary it shall be of none effect. To each of my executors undertaking in legal form the burden of administration of my will, £20 and a silver cup. The residue after the payment of my debts I bequeath to my executors to dispose according to my wishes which I have already expressed by word of mouth to the said Thomas Shelford and hereafter shall express and as they, having touched the holy gospels, have personally promised to do. I make my executors the said Thomas Shelford, John Inyn, John Storton senior, Sir John Roland, Sir John Knyght, Sir John Storthwayte, Sir John Codeford and Sir John Reynold canons of the said church of Wells, and their supervisors, the Reverend Father in Christ, and my most renowned Lord Henry by the grace of God Bishop of Winchester, Chancellor of England and Sir Walter Hungerford knight, and for their labour I bequeath to the said Reverend Father my best Breviary and my Pontifical and to the said Sir Walter my best horse at his own choice and £20, that they

may faithfully supervise the execution of my will and defend my executors against all unjustly opposing them therein, if any there be. In witness whereof I have set my seal. These being witnesses, Master William Skelton Provost and John Stone canons of Wells, Sir Richard Mason rector of Loxton, Sir John Dralans rector of Kynewardeston, John Austell and Thomas Greneham Esquires, Thomas Fermor John Whitle, Robert Emmory and Roger Fold, valets. Given in my Manor of Woky October 11th in the year abovesaid.

Proved November 7th, 1424.

1427. THOMAS BATH.

[413 CHICHELE.]

1427, Thomas Bath. My body to be buried in the church of S. Mary of Wandestre [Wanstrow] at the entrance to the chancel. To the church of Wells, 40*d.* To the light of the chancel "*super la beme*"[1] 2*s.* To the light of the High Cross in the church of Wanstrow 40*d.* To the light of S. Nicholas 2*s.* To the light of S. Katherine 2*s.* To Margaret, my wife, all those messuages and cottages within the borough of Shestõn [Shaftesbury] in the parish of the Blessed Trinity to have and to hold to her heirs and assignees for ever of the chief lords of that fee for the service thence due and of right accustomed. To "Jerusalem is writte"[2] one cow. I will that all my pieces of linen and woollen cloth be distributed among my servants according to the disposition of Margaret, my wife. To Ralph Sterte clerk 20*s.* And I make my executors John Franke clerk of the Rolls of Our Lord the King, and Margaret my wife. To John Sammell junior [blank]. To the church of Wanstrow 40*s.* and my great psalter with a surplice to serve in the same church. The residue to Margaret, my wife. I will my executors pay to the wardens of the church of Marunhull [Dorset] for the maintenance and sustentation of S. Katherine of Marnhull where my mother lived (*stetit*) 20*s.*

Proved April 20th, 1429.

[1] Beam-light, the light hanging from the rood-beam or from one of the chancel timbers, west of the high altar to indicate the Presence of our Blessed Lord, who is the Light of the World. (Lee's *Glossary.*)

[2] A brief on behalf of some pious purpose at Jerusalem.

1430. REGINALD BRITA.

[444 CHICHELE.]

October 3rd, 1430. Reginald Brita, canon of Wells, My body to holy burial. To the parish church of Stoke in Clymeslond [Cornwall] my chalice and one pair of vestments which are at Dedysham [Dittisham, Devon] to remain there for ever for the service of the Lord (*ad usum cultus Domini*). To the parish church of S. George of Dedysham 20*s.* to buy ornaments for the same church. To Alice "recluse" at S. Leonard next the city of Exeter 26*s.* 8*d.* To the Prior of S. John of Exeter, viz., John Dowrysch 6*s.* 8*d.* To each other brother of the same house 20*d.* To each boy commoner of the same house 3*d.* To every poor person *de firmaria* 2*d.* To Matilda Talbot, Prioress of Palsclo, [Polslo, Devon] 3*s.* 4*d.* To Joan Durant 20*d.* To the convent of the same house 3*s.* 4*d.* To Magote, my sister's daughter, 20*s.* To Master Helie Stoke, rector of the church of S. Mary de Stappe at Exeter 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir William Hayford vicar of Aschpurton 6*s.* 8*d.* To Margaret Wortham Prioress of Corneworthy 6*s.* 8*d.* To Alice Werthe 13*s.* 4*d.* To the convent of the same house 3*s.* 4*d.*, if they pay me my money. To Sir William Cary who was my clerk 6*s.* 8*d.* I bequeath 20*s.* to be distributed in pious works immediately after my soul leaves my body. I will that none save my executors and those who labour about my burial be invited to dinner (*ad prandium*) on the day of my burial. To Master William Palmer 40*s.* and my silver piece with the image of the Holy Trinity in the bottom with a cover on which is inscribed "*in caritate perfecta confirmet etc.*" To Matilda Palmer, sister at Bokelond 6*s.* 8*d.* To sister Clarice 3*s.* 4*d.* To Margaret Hone 3*s.* 4*d.* To Isabel there 3*s.* 4*d.* To the convent of the same house 3*s.* 4*d.* To John Person of Bratton 3*s.* 4*d.* To Alice his wife 3*s.* 4*d.* For distribution to the poor parishioners of Bratton, Brydestawe, and Dedysham, 10*s.* to each place. For distribution among poor parishioners of Northcory 20*s.*, and more if my goods suffice according to the disposition of my executors. I will there be expended on roads and bridges 100*s.* if my goods suffice. I will that 100 masses be celebrated as quickly as possible after the parting of

my soul from my body. To Sir Thomas Exeter, of Witham, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the convent of the same house 6*s.* 8*d.* To Sir Thomas Bernard, Prior of Henton, 6*s.* 8*d.* To the convent of the same house 10*s.* I will that no sumptuous lights be used round my body at my burial, but only reasonable ones so that after the day of my burial there shall be no lights round my grave until my trental day. I will that with the rest of my goods not specially mentioned in this will or in any other schedule, ornaments for churches be bought and also distributions be made to poor, infirm, paralised and other needy persons, if my goods suffice. I make my executors Master William Palmer and Sir Henry Martyn and others whom they wish to assist them. And if I die and am buried at Wells I will each canon and vicar specially present at my exequies and mass and by my grave at my burial receive 12*d.*, namely 6*d.* for the exequies, 4*d.* for the mass, and 2*d.* for their presence at my burial. To Master William Palmer 20*s.* if he fulfil my will. I will that if my executors sell any of my goods, no surrender of any such goods to be sold shall be made, unless full payment for the same first be made. To Sir Mathew, annuelar, 6*s.* 8*d.* To each other annuelar present at my funeral 4*d.* To Sir Henry Martyn 20*s.* if he execute my testament according to my will which I here declare. I will that the said Sir Henry Martyn shall in no wise appropriate any of my goods bequeathed or not bequeathed without the full assent of Master William Palmer. And if by word or deed he in any way contradict or contravene my will I revoke his executorship, cancel his bequest and remove him from all power of executing my will, in whole or in part, of seeking any legacy, of recovering any debts, or of receiving any payment from any of my debtors, now, or at any time.

Given at the time and place above named.

Witnesses; Edmund Wexmaker, John Hille, Sir John Pelle, annuelar.

Proved August 3rd, 1434.

[Testator was collated to the Prebend of Combe I., September 23rd, 1413. A list of his preferments is given in *Stafford's Reg.* (Exon.), pp. 41, 161.]

1432. RALPH HUNTE.

[430 CHICHELE]

September 26th, 1432. Ralph Hunte, citizen of Bath. My body to be buried before the north door of the cathedral church of Bath in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary of Stall.[1] To the cathedral church of Wells 12*d.* To Sir Robert Crokker, my curate, 2*s.* 6*d.*, to celebrate a trental for my soul. To the same Sir Robert 6*s.* 8*d.* to celebrate for my soul. I bequeath £20 for the performance of the office of my burial. For the distribution of penny dole (*denariatim*) to the poor on the day of my burial and trental 100*s.* To Sir William Asshley, chaplain, to celebrate for my soul in the parish church within the north gate of Bath 16 marks, if he be not beneficed, and if he be, I will that the money be given to two other honest chaplains to perform the same office there. I bequeath 48 marks for the stipends of six chaplains to celebrate for my soul in the same church, so that each of them have 8 marks. To each parish church within the circuit of the Deanery of Bath (my aforesaid parish church alone excepted) 3*s.* 4*d.* To my parish church one brass pot holding 5 gallons. To the parish church of Welewe [Wellow] 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish church of Corston 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Prior and Carthusian convent of the House of God of Henton 20*s.*, so that I and Isabella, my wife, may be admitted as a brother and a sister there, and that they may say placebo and dirige on the days of my burial, and obit and mass on the morrow for my soul and for all the faithful deceased. To the same prior and convent 20*s.* for performing the office on the day of my anniversary as is above said. To each order of friars of London, Coventry (*Conventri*), Bristol, New Sarum, Bruggewater, and Evelchestre 10*s.*, so that each priest have 2*d.* for the office of placebo and dirige to be solemnly celebrated on the day when my death shall be announced and for mass on the morrow. And each brother not a priest to have 2*d.* to say psalters, and the residue to be equally divided among the priests celebrating the said office on the morrow following, as is said. To the same orders for the said office on the day of my anniversary

[1] This will is interesting as giving the position of the church of St. Mary at Stall.

next after my obit to be celebrated, to each order 10*s.* To Laurence Herdford, my servant, twenty dozen of undressed cloth (*stricti crudi panni*) and one bale de Mader[9] which stands near the door, and after my wife's decease one denfote and one fire-tongs (*forpicem*) belonging to the fuller's craft, and one second best gown and one silver girdle, harnessed. To Agnes Hawkyns, my maid, 40*s.* and six silver spoons if she live and remain with my wife until her marriage, but if not the said money shall be distributed among the poor, and the spoons shall be sold and likewise distributed. To Thomas Hunte, of Whyttocksmede one gown of black of liere,[1] and 20 sheep if he live. To Thomas Hunte, my brother, 20 sheep if he live. To Ralph Taylour, my godson, a doublet of blakworsted and 6*s.* 8*d.* To Agnes Lodere, my god-daughter, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Ralph Melkesham, my godson, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Robert Melkesham a gown of "kendale." To William Wytt a gown of scarlet furred. To Agnes, wife of Richard Barbor, of Bathe 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Gay, of Lincombe, a green gown of liere furred. To John Poorte, of New Sarum, 40*s.*, to shew friendship to my wife and executors as I trust in you. To Richard Scharpe of Coventre 100*s.* to do likewise. To the repair of the middle arch of the bridge of Myddeford 100*s.* To the repair of "lez condiths" of Bath 10 marks. For penny dole among the poor in my parish church every Friday in Lent next after the day of my decease 20*s.*, and on Good Friday (*in die Parasseues*) in the same Lent 40*s.* To each chaplain of the Hospital (*spitalis*) of Bath 2*s.* 6*d.*, to celebrate a trental for my soul. To each curate of Bath and to two chaplains of the commonalty coming every month for one year next after my decease to my exequies and mass of Requiem on the morrow 4*d.* and if they come not to the mass but only to the exequies, 2*d.* To the clerk of the Blessed Mary within the north gate of Bath, where the said office shall be performed, for the ringing of a peal with three bells, 1*d.* To the beadle (*bedello*) to announce the exequies throughout the city ½*d.* I bequeath my best furnace after the decease of Isabella my wife to my executors that they may sell it and distribute the money in penny dole

[1] Lierre, a town in the province of Anvers, Belgium, celebrated for its fabrics of silk, cotton, etc. (*Nouveau Dictionnaire de Géographie universelle*, par Viviem de St. Martin.)

every Friday among the poor while it lasts. To the prior and convent of Bath for my exequies on the day of my death and for mass of Requiem on the morrow 20*s*., and to the same for the office to be likewise performed on the day of my trental, 20*s*. To the friars of Marlburgia 20*s*., that they may do likewise in everything as the other friars above named in my will. To the work and reparation of the cathedral church of Bath £10.

I make my executors Sir William Asshley, chaplain, and John Westhop, councillor, citizens of Bath, and to each of them for their labour I bequeath 40*s*. To John Whyttokesmede, attorney of the King's court at Westminster and elsewhere, 40*s*., and I make him overseer, and if he labour faithfully with my executors for the recovery of my goods and debts I will he be reasonably rewarded.

The residue to Isabella, my wife, Sir William Asshley and John Westhope, my executors, that they may provide for my wife during her life according as her estate shall require.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Crokker, my curate, Roger Stanburgh, and William Wytte citizens of the city of Bath.

[No probate clause.]

1434. JOHN HILL.

[449 Chichele.]

October 21st, 1434. John Hille, of Spaxton, in the county of Somerset. My body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Spaxton. To the church of Wells 6*s*. 8*d*. To the parishioners and wardens of the goods of the said church of Spaxton to the aid or sustentation of the new building of the bell tower (*campanilis*) of Spaxton 10 marks. To the Friars Minors of Bruggewater to pray for my soul 20*s*. To the Friars of Langley 46*s*. 8*d*. To the nuns of Soppewyll [Herts.] 10 marks. To John my son and heir a cup *de uno ovo* called "a Grypesey" with its cover bound with silver and gilt, also a gold ring with a stone in it called "a dyamount," that is, the second best of my rings with such stones, also a chalice, viz., the one of lesser value of my two chalices. To the same John half a dozen silver dishes of the least value of all my silver dishes, and three cups of silver with covers. To Thomas my son a ring of gold with a stone

called "a diamount," viz., the one of the least value of my three rings with such stones, a silver cup with gilt cover, on which cup are engraven the names, "Jasper, Melchiser and Balteser."[1] To Roger my son a silver cup called "The Wassayle," the second best of my chalices. To Elisabeth my daughter two pair of beads (*precum*) of gold, viz., of the greatest and least value, and £20 to her marriage. I will that Cecily my wife have the custody of my bequests to my children until they come to a reasonably marriageable age. To Cecily my wife my best ring of gold with "a diamount," a small silver gilt cup and all my silver cups not bequethed, with a cup and ewer (*lavacro*) of "Berell," a spiceplate silver and gilt, a silver chafer, two silver basins (*pelves*) and ewers, my best gilt chalice, three silver "crewettis," a paxbrede silver and gilt, two tall silver candlesticks and three small silver candlesticks. To John Tyttesbury, John Cogan, and John Wolmar, four marks each. To John Pylton my gown of blue colour, furred, and a horse called "a Gyllyng." To John Mychell 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Dey 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Fyshede 20*s.* To Joan Dudesham 10*s.* To John Elyot a gown of russet with a hood (*capucio*) of green colour, a "dowbelet defensable," and my small knife (*cultellum*) called "a wodeknyfe" with a bow, twenty-four arrows and 40*s.* To Geoffrey Iwen one gown of green furred, one hood of russet, with a bow and 24 arrows. To Henry Caux a hood of scarlet.

The residue to Cecily my wife therewith to pay my debts.

I make executors the said Cecily my wife, John Stourton of Preston, Edward Cullyford and Walter Portman of Taunton.

Proved January 24th, 1434.

1441. HUGH PEROTT.

[487 Chichele.]

April 5th, 1441. Hugh Perot. My body to be buried in the church of S. Mary of North Kery, diocese of Bath. To the cathedral church of Wells 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Llandaff 3*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church of [ ] 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of North Kery 3*s.* 4*d.*

I make my executors, Sir Lewis Moris, my nephew, and

[1] The three wise men from the East.

Geoffrey Graunt, with Lewis ap-Peñ ap-David, and Robert Ragelan their supervisores.

[Testator was instituted to North Curry on September 9th, 1441, his successor on June 28th, 1442. *Somerset Incumbents*, 351.]

1441. JOHN HODYE, KNT.

[481 CHICHELE.]

December 17th, 1441. John Hody, knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Kings Bench. My body to be buried in the church of Wolavyngton in the new chapel there built in which the body of Master John Hody my uncle is buried. To the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells 20*s*. To the parish church of Stawell 6*s*. 8*d*. To the parish church of Pyllesdon 6*s*. 8*d*. I will that my feoffees of and in all my lands and tenements in Shaftesbury and within the borough of the same town make sufficient and secure estate in law to Elisabeth my wife, of the same, to have and to hold during her life and after her death to remain to William, Thomas, and Alexander my sons and to the child in the womb of my said wife, if he be a male, but if not to the said William, Thomas and Alexander, and to their heirs and for lack thereof to the right heirs of me, for ever. And I will my feoffees of and in all other my lands and tenements, except those in Sytheway and elsewhere in the county of Devon, and in Fontell in the county of Wilts. which once belonged to Richard Diccombe, shall hand over the issues and profits thereof to my executors during the infancy of John my son and heir until he come to sixteen years of age, if he live so long, when my said feoffees shall make sufficient estate in law to him to hold to him and to his heirs for ever. And if he die without issue, before that age, my feoffees to make estate of the said lands, except before excepted, to my next eldest son, and if they die before that age and without issue, they shall make estate to my doughters to have and to hold to them and to their heirs for ever. And I will my feoffees of and in the said excepted lands shall make secure estate in law thereof to the said Elisabeth my wife and after her death they shall remain to John my son and to his heirs for ever, provided always that all my covenants made with John Latemer, esq., on behalf of Nicholas his son and Joan

my daughter his wife hold good and be fulfilled. To my wife £200 in gold and one dozen silver vessels called "a dozen garnisshed" half of which I lately bought at London and the other half of which (I had) of the legacy of my said uncle, and twelve other silver dishes with a "Charger" lately bought of the executors of Lady de Lovell and Ramsham. To my said wife two silver basins with ewers, in the centre of one is a rose and on the other is a shield of my arms. To Thomas Hody my uncle a cup of silver gilt which lately I had of Robert Coker. To Alexander my brother a cup of silver gilt called "a gobelett," covered, and to Margaret his wife a cup of silver gilt which lately I had of Richard Leyot, clerk. To William Carent a silver cup, partly gilt. To Nicholas Latemer and to Joan his wife a silver piece with the cover. To Richard Hygon and Elisabeth his wife the same. To John my son that other half dozen of silver vessels which I had of the bequest of my said uncle, and a basin of silver with the ewer engraven in the centre with my arms. And I will the said John be under the guardianship of my executors. To Richard Skey and Alice his sister my kinsmen 50 marks, that is twenty-five each. To John my chaplain 20*s.* To William Lovell 20*s.* To John Suddon, to Richard Noweris 13*s.* 4*d.*, and to Julian his wife 20*s.* To John Grice 13*s.* 4*d.* To Agnes my wife's chamber-maid 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Hakelyn 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Rydon 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Coke 10*s.* To Peter Panter 6*s.* 8*d.* To William Robynys 6*s.* 8*d.* To John Stone 6*s.* 8*d.* To Richard Robyns 3*s.* 4*d.* To Michael Mountagu 3*s.* 4*d.* To Michael servant in the chamber 3*s.* 4*d.* To John servant in the chamber 3*s.* 4*d.* With the residue I will my sons and daughters, who are unmarried, be found, my said eldest son John excepted, at the disposition of my executors, and I make my executors the said Elisabeth, William Carent, Thomas Hody and Alexander Hody.

[No probate clause.]

1443. THOMAS SAMBROOKE.

[123 STAFFORD.]

The 4th day after the feast of the Purification of the B.M. 1443. Thomas Sambrooke of the parish of Compton.

My body to be buried in the church of Compton Martyn before the high cross. To William Rowcetre rector of the same and my confessor for tithes forgotten and to pray for me 20*s*. To the fabric of the church of Compton to make the tower there 40*s*. To the making of two torches for the same church 13*s*. 4*d*. To the cathedral church of Wells 2*s*. To the church of Bath, 12*d*. To the holy house of Bokeland 13*s*. 4*d*. To each of the four orders of Friars 2*s*. 6*d*. To the church of Hutton for one torch 6*s*. 8*d*. To the church of Egemunde [Edgmond co. Salop] for two torches 13*s*. 4*d*. To the church of Cheswardyne 6*s*. 8*d*. To the church of Chetwyn 6*s*. 8*d*. To the Prior and Carthusian house of Henpton to pray for me 20*s*. To every priest celebrating in the church of Compton on the day of my burial 6*d*. I ordain 24 marks for three priests to celebrate for one year for my soul, the souls of my parents and of all the faithful deceased. To Thomas Sambroke, junior, a bed with curtains, blankets, sheets, and "matras," also a tablecloth with two towells, a basin and ewer. To Thomas Coke 20*s*. To Margery Coke a "chitell," a basin with ewer, a great pot, a cow and all my wooden vessels in the pantry. To William Coke a bed and a great pan.

The residue to John Persons, my executor, to dispose according to the advice of John Roynon, supervisor.

Proved September 10th, 1444.

1443. WILLIAM PHILPYS.

[122 Stafford.]

March 3rd, 1443. William Philpys citizen and clothmaker of the city of Bath diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the church of the house or monastery of the Apostles Peter and Paul of Bath, in the nave before the high cross. To the mother church of S. Andrew of Wells 3*s*. 4*d*. To the Rector of the parish church of S. Michael without the North Gate of Bath for my tithes and oblations forgotten 20*s*. To the same parish church a certain cross silver and gilt but on the condition that the Rector or the existing chaplain have me specially commended by name in the Roll among the other benefactors of the church, on Sundays and Festivals, as the custom is. I will

my executors find a suitable priest to celebrate divine offices in the said church for my soul and the souls of my parents and benefactors and all the faithful deceased for seven whole years after my death. And I will my executors distribute *7d.* weekly for the space of seven years among the most needy poor dwelling within or without the city of Bath, and I will that my executors complete and finish with all possible haste a certain chapel of St. Katerine at Bath lately begun anew by me according to my intention more fully expressed to them by word of mouth. To the parish clerk of the said church of S. Michael to ring the bells once every night during my month *3s. 4d.* To the Prior of the said house or Monastery to specially pray for me *100s.* To Sir Richard Wolley monk there to specially have me in remembrance in his prayers and intercessions *40s.* To the same house a pair of vestments and a pair of altarcloths. To the use of the same house two silver pieces called "bollepecys." To the four orders of Friars mendicant of the town of Bristol to each order *20s.* To every church in Bath *6s. 8d.* To every curate of Bath and also to every curate of twenty parish churches around the said city, *12d.*, to pray specially for my soul in the pulpit on Sundays for one year, as the custom is. To each of my godchildren *3s. 4d.* To William Walley and Joan his wife my daughter twenty dozen of woollen cloth for the winter and a leaden furnace. To each of their sons and daughters *40s.* To William Stanborough one whole cloth of red colour. The residue to be divided into three equal parts two of which shall remain to Agnes my wife as her share of my goods belonging to her. The third part to be divided in two equal parts one of which shall remain to Katherine my daughter the wife of John Shipward burgess of Bristol, the other remaining to my executors for distribution in pious and charitable works for my soul and the souls of my parents, benefactors and all the faithful deceased. I make my executors the abovesaid John Shipward and Roger Haynes of Bath to each of whom I bequeath a pipe of woad (gayde).

Proved April 21st, 1444.

1444. GILES DAUBENEY, KNT.

[134 STAFFORD.]

March 3rd, 1444. Giles Daubeney, knight. My body to be buried in the church of S. Peter the Apostle at Southpeterton before the altar of St. Mary. Item, Y ordeyne a cope of blew ffelewet wt chesibell and ij Tyneclis wt the Aubes therto. Item, y wol ther be a blak sywete of vestementes yeffyn and all to serve at the auter of our lady. Item, my best massebooke wt a chalys a paxbred of silver and over gilt. Also ij cruwettes of sylver, a corperas. Item, to the said auter y wol geve my autercloth of Red tarteron wt the curteyns. Item, y ordeyne to ye church of Baryngton my vestementes of blak ffelewet wt an autercloth of blak and grene. Item, y wol yt in as short tyme as goodly may be do saide for my sowle a m masses. Item, y wol ther be delydde x mr̃cs at myn enterement among pore men. Item, vii gownes to vij pore men. Item, vij beds to vij bedred men, and every bed a materas, a payre of blankettes, a payre of shites, a coverlet. Item, y wol that the prisoners of yevelchestre have a noble to parte among hem. Item, y wol the freres of yevelchestre have a quart whete, a quart malte. Item, the freres of briggewater j qr̃t whete, j qr̃t malte. Item, to the makyng of an hous for iiij pore men, y wol ther be sette x marcs. Item, I wol ther be departed to iiij pore clerkes viij marcs for to helpe them to scolay. Item, y geve to the Nunnes of Brodholme xx*s.* to the Nunnes of Shoppewell [Sopwell] vj*s.* viij*d.* Item, to the Charterhouse yn Selewode wher ynne y am a brother y yeve xx*s.* Item, to the chanons of Staverdale in Selewode wher ynne y am a brother vj*s.* viij*d.* Item, to the vicary of pederton to pray for me xiij*s.* iiij*d.* Item, to the parissh prest of Baryngton to pray for me y wol to have vj*s.* viij*d.* Item, y wol ther be a prest syngyng iij yere in the forsaid chapell of oure lady for my sowle and Johanna my wyf, and for the sowle of Mary my wyf and for the sowle of William Daubeney whos bones resteth in the chapell. Item, y wol ther be a prest syngyng at kempston by a yere for my fader Gilles sowle and my moder margarete and my graundame Aleanore and myn. And for Thomas myn oncle. Item, y ordeyne to Alice my wyf a ryng wt a dyamaund, a gilt cuppe wt stones in the knappe of ye covercle, my gret pese called

the Rose kevered, a salte saler y palest, a hangyng bede of Bryddis wt costers quysshons and costurs and curtayns of red and white wurstede. Item, y wol she have a wurstede hangyng and bed of blak bokeram and ffétherbed, iij martras, iij peyre of my best shites wt iiij coverlettes, iiij quyltes. Item, y wol she have iij next best brasyn pottes, iij pannes, ij square ledys, a litle chafur, a cawdron of laton, ij spites, ij best playn swte of Napry, a dosyn spones, a plain basyn of Sylver wt an Ewer, a dosyn of new pewtre vessell garnysshed, a peire of fustyans, ij paire of blankettes, a paire of the best Gardevyaundes,[1] ij of my best Amubelers. Item, y wol she have half my corn beyng at Baryngton and alle my kyne. Item, a poudre box of silver. And y wol she have a potell[2] potte and a gr̃te potte of sylver playn. Item, I wol that William my sone have ij salers gilt wt vj spones gilt, a dosyn ungilt, ij stondyng cuppes of a suite gilt, ij covered peces called Roses, a bedde of Arrasse wt costers, quysshons, and a hale[3] red and grene wt ffetherbed, iij byggest matras, iij coverlettes, a pair of fustians, iij of my best brasyn pottes, a chafour to seth fyssh ynne, a gret panne, a litell panne, a brasyn mortar, alle myn olde pewter vessell beyng in Baryngton, a chafour, ij lydes in the newe bakehous wt all brewing vessell, ij peyer of good shetys, iij paier of course shetys, my beste suite of Napery, another comune suite and al myn armour and ij of my beste horsse and goddis blessing and myn wt a condicion that he lette not my last will. And if he trouble myn executours thanne y wol that al the place the which y have ordeyned to hym be sold and do for my sowle. Item, to Giles my sone y wol he have a dosyn of Sylver vessell garnesshed wt iiij chargeours, a paier of basyns of sylver, ij ewers, ij potell pottes of parys worke, wt vj bolles of sylver, half gilt, an heighe Saler of Sylver, a doseyn spones, a swete of napery, a nother comune swete, iiij paier of good shites, iiij paire of comune shites, a sperver[4] wt coveryng of lynyn cloth, a dowblett of defens covered wt ffelewet, an haberion,[5] a swerde, a pollax, a salad, a paier of

[1] Meatsafes.
[2] A liquid measure of 2 quarts.
[3] Halling.
[4] S.R.S. xvi, 263.
[5] Haubergeon, a short hauberk, a coat of linked mail.

trussyng coffres,[1] an hanging chaundeler of laton, my standard[2] to trusse[3] yn, that y have ordeyned to hym; And my wille ys that yis standard wt these thinges above writen therin be putte in sum sure Abbay in keping, and the keye in his moders warde, the other in his godfadres Sir William More, and so to abide in saffe garde to he be of age of xvj yere. And yf god do his wille of him or he be of that age, yanne y wol these goodes aforesaid go to my next child yf god send me ony, And yf none be, y wol myn Executours selle all this to him ordeyned And do for my sowle. Item, y wol that Johane my doughter have al my stuffe beyng at Cotom in ye kepyng of Jhanet Boteler, the which is writen in a endenture wt al that is in my ffermers endenture. Item, y wol Thomas my brother have a bedde of red grene and white wt courteyns costours, a matras, a paier of blankettes, a paier of shites, coverlet, a gowne of myn furred wt an hode, a doublet, a playn pese koũed, a saler of sylver, a maser, a pouderbox. Item, to John Roller y ordeyne a bedde of red and grene, a gowne, a hode, a doublet of defens. Item, to Thomas Daubeney y ordeyne a gowne, a hode, a doublet of defens. a salade, an horse. Item, to Gilles Parker a gowne, a doublet of defens, a salade, an horse, a sadell and all my longe bowes, a bedde. Item, to Hugh Parker y ordeyne my geobbes,[4] my galon botels, alle my voyde pipes, a pleyn pese of Sylver koũed. Item, y ordeyne to William Clerk a doublet of defens, a salade, a shef of Arwes. Item, to Water Champeneys a wode-knyff harneysed, a shef of arwes, an arblast of stile [steel]. Item, to Wiłłm Semer a potte, a panne, my wayn yokes and ropes. Item, to Sir Robert Clake my blak masseboke, my litell sawter kovered wt red lether, ij chaundelers of laton for the chapell. Item, to John Peny a rynge of gold wt a Turkays. Item, to Wiłłm Molyns a poudrebox a maser gilt. Item, to John Welweton a great cofre that shites lye ynne, a paier a (*sic*) potel botels, a flat pese kovered. Item, to John Downam my letel cart and iiij hernes yerto. Item, to Stephen a doublet of defens,

[1] Trussing bed, a bed which could be packed as in a chest for travelling. (*Halliwell.*)

[2] Standard, a large chest, generally used for carrying plate, jewels and articles of value, but sometimes for linen.

[3] To pack.

[4] iiij neb yokes with jebbettes (*Household goods of Sir J. Gage;* Sussex Arch. Coll., xlv, 126).

a salade, a sheffe of arwes, a wode knyf. Item, to Richard Fouler an Arblast at kempston, and al my brewyng vessell. Item, to Sir William More a paier of bedys of corall wt a Rynge. Item to every yoman in houshold nought rewarded vj*s*. viij*d*. And to every grome iij*s*. iiij*d*. My wille is yt my wyf be my chef Executrice, Sir Roger Houswyf, Syr William More, John Wytecombe, John Roller John peny, these to be myn Executours. And to every of hym c*s*. that taketh ministracion. Item, I wol that al my purchaset londes that is to sey in Sowpeterton, Compton and Baryngton go to the yssue of me one Alice my wyf geten. And if none y wol hit go to my dowter Johane Markam and to the yssue of her body begete. And for fawte of yssue of Johane, to William my sone and hayer and to his hayres. Al be hit so that the said syr Giles Daubeney knight maked this said testament, wrote hit wt his owne hand and seled hit wt his seal of Armes, the thridde day of March, the yere of oure lord thousand ccccxliiij, as it is above writen; In which said testament the residue of his goodes naught bequethe is nought disposed. Wherefor afterward that is to sey xi day of januar the yere of oure lord a Thousand ccccxlv at Baryngton the said Syr Giles ligying in his sykenesse wher of he dyed soone after, the same day Syr Robert Wylly prest his gostly fader seide, Syre ye have maked a testament and bequethe many thinges to divers persones makyng no mention ho sholde have the residue of your goodes that beth not bequethe. Wol ye fouchsaffe to seye ho shal have hit, forthwith the said knyght wt oute ony tarryng saide my wyf shal have hit. This was his last will.

Probate 22nd February, 1445.

1445. EDWARD CULLYFORD.

[151 Stafford.]

The Saturday next after the feast of the translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 1445, Edward Cullyford. My body to be buried in the church of St. John Bapt. of Briggewater before the high altar there. To the Master and brethren of the same place 20*s*., to pray for my soul and for the souls of Joan and Elizabeth, lately my wives. To Elizabeth now my wife, all my

burgages, messuages lands and tenements in the Borough of Briggewater to hold for the term of her life, and after her death the same to remain wholly to William Poulet, knight, William Hyndeston, John Beeff and William Dodyssham to have and to hold under the chief lord of that fee by the customary rents and services under this condition that they shall sell the same after the death of the said Elizabeth my wife, and that the money accruing from such sale shall be distributed for my soul and for the said souls, and for the souls of my benefactors and friends according to the discretion of the said William Poulet, knyght, and my executors. To the Friars Minors of the same town, to pray for my soul 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicar of Wemedon for my tithes forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to pray for my soul. To the prioress and convent of Canyngton, to pray for my soul 6*s.* 8*d.* To the abbess and convent of Tarent, to pray for my soul 13*s.* 4*d.* with one of my best silk purses (*bursa*) and to every priest of the same place 8*d.*, to pray for my soul. To Nicholas Elyot, rector of the church of Wynterborne, to pray for my soul 2*s.* 6*d.* I will also that 100 masses be celebrated for the health of my soul and the souls of my wives Joan and Elizabeth, and all my benefactors as soon as it can be done after my death. To William Poulet, knight, one silver cup with a cover. To John Cullyford, one lined gown (*duplicatum*). To Alice, daughter of the said John 6 sheep. To John Moleham, one embroidered gown. To Cristina, daughter of the said John Moleham towards her marriage 40*s.* To John Peverell, junior, twelve of the best sheep that I have in county Dorset. To John Tracy my clerk 20*s.* To William Doben my servant, 2 cows, 2 steers, three of two years old, 12 ewes, one pair of blankets, one pair of sheets, and one coverlet. To Michael Facy my servant 3*s.* 4*d.* To Isabel my servant 6*s.* 8*d.* To Margaret my mother's servant 6*s.* 8*d.*, to pray for my soul or the said souls.

Residue: Elizabeth now my wife.

Executors: Elizabeth my wife, John Beeff and John Tracy. The said Elizabeth asserted that the said will was found in the chest of the said Edward after his death, and then I, Thomas Mersh, lawfully approved and pronounced for the same.

Proved May 26th, 1447.

1445. JOAN FLORY.

[144 STAFFORD.]

January 3rd, 1445. Joan Flory, my body to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Cloford. To the cathedral church of Wells 20*d.* To the church of Cloford 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicar of the said church 20*d.* To John Flory my tapestry of Worstede embroidered with hangings (*costariis*), and the rest of my hangings in the hall. The residue to Roger Puryton, Robert Unwyn and John Samuell to dispose for my soul, and to find all necessaries for the said John, and the three daughters of John Flory my son, and for their marriage. And I make the said Roger, Robert and John Sammell my executors.

Proved February 5th, 1446.

1446. JOHN SAMMELL, SENIOR.

[138 STAFFORD.]

The Wednesday after the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross, John Sammell senior, of Mellys. My body to be buried in the chapel of the Blessed Mary of the church of Mells. To the fabric of the mother church of Wells 2*s.* To Sir William, chaplain of Mells 2*s.* 6*d.* To the building of the tower of the church of Mells £3. To John Cowper, my servant, an ewe with a lamb. To Agnes, my servant, a sheep. To John my servant a sheep. To John Boucher my servant a sheep. The residue to Katherine my wife, and John my son, whom I make my executors.

Proved May 21st, 1446.

1446. JOHN FERTHYNGE.

[144 STAFFORD.]

October 10th, 1446. Sir John Ferthyng, chaplain. My body to be buried in the church of Oterford. To the church of Bokelond 3*s.* 4*d.*, a surplice, a towel and a pan. To the church of Pytmystre 3*s.* 4*d.* and a towel. To the church of Oterford the same. To the convent of Taunton 6*s.* 8*d.* To Alice, daughter of Richard Ferthyng 6*s.* 8*d.* and a chest. To Sir

James Brond 2*s.* 6*d.* To my three godsons 3 sheep. The residue to Richard Ferthyng of Oterford whom I make my executor with Sir John Berld and William Rouswille, supervisors.

Given at Oterford the day abovesaid.

[No probate clause.]

1447. JOHN SAINT LO, ESQ.

[163 STAFFORD.]

February 26th, 1447. John Saintlo, esquire. My body to burial in the parish church of Chiwe Episcopi. To the fabric of the north side of the same church £16 13*s.* And if necessary I will more be expended on the same at the discretion of my executors. To the church of Wells 40*s.* To the church of Dychiustoke [Chewstoke] 66*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Stovey 20*s.* To the vicar of Chiweton for tithes unpaid 20*s.* To the vicar of Gyllyngham for the same 40*s.* To the church of Okeburn St. George 40*s.* To the church of Okburn St. Andrew 20*s.* To the church of Radeclyff 40*s.* To the Abbey of Keynesham a silver cup with the cover to serve there for ever, and never to be taken away, to the intent that every brother of the said Abbey may pray for my soul and the soul of my lord Henry, late Cardinal of England and Bishop of Winchester. To the church of Wynforde 20*s.* To the church of Westharpetre 20*s.* To every priest present at the exequies and solemn mass at the time of my burial 12*d.*, and on the day of my trental [ ]. To the vicar of Chiwe for tithes forgotten and unpaid 100*s.* To two priests to celebrate in the parish church of Chiwe and at Sutton for my soul and the souls of Alice my wife, of my father and mother, and of my children £73 13*s.* 4*d.*; to be paid annually. To the Priory of Bath two basins, and two silver ewers provided that they serve there for ever, and that all the brothers there pray for my soul, and the souls of Alice my wife, of my father and mother, and of my children and ancestors. To the Rector of Bageworth 10 marks. To the vicar of Okeburne St. Andrew 40*s.* in recompence of one pair of vestments. To John Anscyll, clerk, a standing silver cup with the cover. To John Cheyne esquire, Richard Chokke and Robert Unwyn, to each of them a silver cup with the cover. To Isabel Unwyn a round silver basin. To John Daundesey £20.

To Walter Norce £20. To Richard Shytell £10. To John Freme 100*s.* To Thomas Walkeden 40*s.* To Thomas Sergeaunt 20*s.* To Thomas Meton £6 8*s.* 4*d.* To Richard Frebody 100*s.* To Thomas Beket £10. To William Dansey £10. To Peter Horsman 20*s.* To Richard Grybbyll 20*s.* To John Dollyngge 20*s.* To Alice Dollyngge 20*s.* To John Notte 13*s.* 4*d.* To Robert Webbe 20*s.* To John Lewys 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Petybon̄ 20*s.* To John Skete 40*s.* To John Tyler of Bysshopysworth 6*s.* 8*d.* To Katherine Denys 4 marks. To Agnes Dore 40*s.* To John Anscyll, clerk, for my extreme unction 100*s.* To Alice Hendon 40*s.* To John Cooke 13*s.* 4*d.* I bequeath £100 for the repair of the King's way called Henlake, and of other roads where necessary at the disposition of my executors. I bequeath £100 to be distributed to friars and others who come to my burial, that is to every poor person 4*d.* and on my trental day at the discretion of my executors. To each of my executors £10. To John Candele 20*s.* To the proctors of my chantry in the parish church of Calne £20.

Residue: To be disposed by my executors for my soul.

Executors: Nicholas my son, and Agnes his wife, John Anscyll, clerk, and Robert Unwyn. Given at Sutton. To the church of Chirchehyll 40*s.* To the chapel of Dondray [Dundry] 40*s.* To the church of Staunton 20*s.*

Proved April 30th, 1448.

1448. WILLIAM BYCONYLL.

[167 Stafford.]

November 3rd, 1448. In the name of the most high and indivisible Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen. The condition of the first created human race being spotted with rust brought according to the law laid down the penalty of certain death upon posterity which neither our Lord Jesus Christ Himself for the reconciliation of the human race wished to avoid; yet by His wonderful power, death being conquered, He rising again left us the hope of a new resurrection after this life. Often, after the determination of a wise man, considering this in my mind, I, William Byconyll, most unworthy priest, make my will in this manner. My body to canonical burial in

the chapel of S. Martin in the cathedral church of Wells. To my chaplain or chaplains to celebrate in the same (chapel) my new missal which begins at the second folio "*lutare tuum*" my silver-gilt cross, my third gilt chalice, two silver vials, my plain white vestment of damask, a plain violet vestment of velvet on satin and my third plain vestment *de brode Alisaundre*, to remain there for ever. And I will that, the requisite licence being obtained, an honourable monument be built in the wall and the door be pulled down. To each canon of the said cathedral church present at my funeral and mass 20*d.* To each vicar 12*d.* To each clerk 6*d.* and to each chorister 4*d.* To the aforesaid cathedral church of Wells a pair of gilt basins, a pair of thuribles and my small missal for the use of the high altar there. To the glorious martyr, the blessed Thomas of Canterbury, a pair of beads of gold, enamelled and engraved. To the cathedral church of Sarum my gilt image of S. Mary. To the cathedral church of Lincoln to the repair of the same all the farm of my prebend there, excepting only 100*s.* of the preceding year left below to the church of S. Margaret, Leicester. To the cathedral church of Exeter my best gilt chalice. To the Collegiate church of Wymborn Minster 100*s.* to buy a chalice for the use of the high altar there. To the parish church of Wollyngtone a suit of vestments of white damask. To the parish church of Charletone Makerelle my blue vestment and I will it be finished at my expense. To the parish church of Mellys my small gilt pix for the sacrament of the altar. To the high altar of the parish church church of Tryng my silver and gilt cup for the sacrament and a suit of black vestments. To the repair of the chapel of Wigington there £10. To the repair of the North aisle of the parish church of Clyve 100*s.* To the repair of the canopy (*celarium*) before the cross in the same church 20 marks. To a hundred of the poorer parishioners there 100 groats beyond the 100*s.* given for the repair of the canopy before the cross in the same church, which Benedict Bouchere owes or the right to his tenement there which he promised me in case he should not pay me the said 20 marks. To be distributed among my poorer tenants of Dultingoote 33*s.* 4*d.* To the parish church and prebend of S. Margaret in Leycester 100*s.* towards the building of the bell-tower there. To the conventual church of

S. Frideswyde of Oxford to glaze a window in the North aisle there £10. To the conventual church of S. Mary of Abyndon to the new work there 100*s.* To the Abbot and Convent of Osney 5 marks to pray for my soul. To the conventual church of S. Gregory of Canterbury 100*s.* for the repair of the same, and I beseech in the bowels of Jesus Christ that in every church above mentioned my obsequies may be devoutly celebrated with mass on the morrow. To my most singular Lord of Canterbury £20 that for charity he may receive poor John my only brother into his service, friendship and favour. To Master Nicholas Caraunt my dear colleague my cape (*collobium*) of scarlet furred with gray. To my most illustrious William Caraunt a standing cup that he may regard the poverty of my brother John and take him into favour in acquiring lands and possessions. To Master John Reynold my gown of violet "engrayned" with hood and cape furred with miniver, and a covered cup chased with roses. To my mother £20 to be paid at once and 10 marks to be paid every quarter for the term of her life also three gowns suitable for her. To John my brother £140 which Master Nicholas Caraunt, Dean of Wells, owes me, to obtain lands and possessions for himself and his heirs. And if he die without heir, the said lands and possessions shall remain to Elisabeth my sister and her heirs, and the said sum of £140 shall remain in the keeping of my executors until payment be made. To my said brother £100 in ready money, three of my gowns at his own choice, four beds hanging with curtains and costers, six pairs of fustians, twelve cushions, all my sheets not bequeathed, all my napery, 6 standing cups, 12 gilt bowls, 12 white bowls, two silver saltcellars, 24 silver spoons, and plates, pots and vessels necessary for his house, also two of the best horses with saddles, and to his wife 3 gowns. To the said Elisabeth my sister £20 and 3 gowns. To Ibote my maternal aunt 100*s.* and two gowns. To my nearest cousins £20 to be distributed at the discretion of my executors. To Sir John Byrkhede my two volumes on the life of Christ and I trust in him to restore the same at his death to the college of All Souls in Oxford. To Master Richard Hoore an honest gown with a hood, furred. To Master John Keling my little bible and an honest gown furred. To Sir Richard Stone a gowne. To the

vicar of Wollyngtone a gowne; and I will that the said vicar and every chantry chaplain there have 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly for 20 years if my goods suffice to pray for my soul and the souls of my parents and benefactors. And that the said sum be placed there in the care of my brother John, of the vicar and of the warden of the goods of the church there, and that the said payment begin on my Trental day and afterwards every year on the day of my anniversary. Also I bequeath 33*s.* 4*d.* to be distributed as soon as possible after my death among the most needy poor there. To Master John Bottley of Canterbury a gown suitable for him. To Master Robert Aylarde a gown. To Richard Row 40*s.* To Master Thomas Caas my usual breviary for the term of his life and after his death. I will it be given to some honest priest in the cathedral church of Wells that he may use it and hand it on further in the form abovesaid. Also to the abovesaid Master Thomas a gown. To William More 5 marks and a gown that he may diligently see to the payment of my debts. To John Fayrechild 40*s.* and the horse he is wont to ride. To James Fuller 40*s.* and the horse he is wont to ride. To Richard Toppe my servant £10, a bed, a horse with saddle and a gown. To John his brother 20*s.* To Thomas Horsley 100*s.* to exhibit him at a grammar school to be delivered to him by my executors as there shall be need, a bed and a gown suitable for him. I will that my executors as soon as my death is known by signs and conjectures, with all possible speed provide for 1,000 masses to be celebrated for my soul and that they each receive 2*d.* I will my executors provide for one mass for my soul to be daily celebrated in the said chapel of S. Martin and I charge them as they will answer before God in the strict trial that they acquire lands and possessions to the value of 100*s.* or more for one or more chaplains to celebrate a current mass (*cursorie celebraturo*) in the said chapel daily for ever for my soul and for the souls of John and Joan my father and mother, of Sir Henry Chichele and of all the faithful deceased. To the College of All Souls in Oxford Nicholas de Lyra in four volumes with preface, my decrees, my little book of decretals provided that John Ellmeregge senior entirely consents, my *librum sextum* with the two Fathers (*doctores*) and the book of Clement with the Fathers in some recompense for the benefits

conferred on me by Lord Henry of happy memory late Archbishop of Canterbury and founder of the said college. I will and charge my under mentioned executors in the bowels of Jesus Christ for the deliverance of my soul to make restitution of books and payment of debts as is more fully contained in a schedule or codicil annexed to these presents unless I happen to make such restitution myself.

Executors: Master Roger Keys, Master John Reynold canon residentiary of the said cathedral church of Wells, and the said John my brother.

Residue: To my executors to dispose for my soul. To Master Roger Keys a cup and 5 marks. Also he wished that a certain sum of £200 owed by the Bishop of Winchester and by William Bonevyle knight, should remain in the custody of his executors to acquire lands and tenements for the abovesaid John his brother and his heirs, and if he died without heir they were to remain to Elisabeth his sister and her heirs. These being witnesses, Sir Robert Parfyte, Sir Robert Smyth, Sir Richard Stone, Sir John Kelyng, Richard Belyngeham, James Fuller, John Fayrechild and others. First, I will that £4 be paid to William Auntres tailor of London. To Thomas Gayn 42*s.* if he be alive, but if not I will it be distributed for his soul and the souls of his benefactors. To be distributed for the souls of William Machon and his benefactors 66*s.* 8*d.* To William Uvedale 50*s.* if he find security for the recovery of my close of Micheham and of the Mills there and restore the deeds of the same. To . . Gay tailor for two yards of crimson and a gown of green 33*s.* 4*d.* I will there be restored to the Abbot and Convent of the Monastery of S. Mary of Abyndon, Johannes in Novella in two volumes which they lent me for my use. Also I will there be restored to the College of All Souls in Oxford Henricus Bowhik in one volume, Januensis in one volume, Franciscus de Sabarell super Clemente on paper, Petrus de Crescenciis one book having many contents which begins on the 2nd folio . . . , also Bartholomeus de proprietatibus rerum. And I will there be restored to the executors of Lord William late Bishop of S. David's the large breviary with notes, in two volumes and a beautiful bible which begins on the 2nd folio *in Misterio*, and also Archidiaconus in Rosar which begins

on the 2nd folio, and Johannes in Novella super Sextum, which begins on the 2nd folio.

Proved November 19th, 1448.

[This will with copious notes is printed in *S. A. S. Proc.*, xl., 179.]

1448. RICHARD NEWTON, KNIGHT.

[169 STAFFORD.]

November 28th, 1448. Y Rychard Newton knyght make my testament in the forme yat foloweth. Fyrst y beseche God of his mercy to take my sowle to his grace and put hit in the way of peple that shal ben saved and by that wey to the blys that he bought me unto. Also I wol yat my body be buryed in ye chirch of oure lady of Yatton in Somersetshire. And also that ther ben ordeyned m masses to be song for me the day of my deth or ellis also soone as hit can ben don after for my sowle, and all the sowles that y am bound to do for. And all crystan sowles. Also y wol yat ther ben ordeyned a pryste to say for me Seynt Gregoryes Trentall in the said chirch of Yatton by a hole yere which prest y wol be a man of goode conversacion and goode rule. And that in also goodly haste as he can be gete after my decesse. Also y wol that vij pore men the day of my sepulture be had and clothed in blak or in white to hold torches about myn herce in worship of God. And in recompense that y have don̄ the vij dedely sinnes. And v marcs to be yeve in pore maydens maryage in recompense that y have don̄ in synnes of flesshe. And x marcs to the porest peple of the paryssh̄ of Yatton and Walton in recompense of that y have not ffulfylled the vij werkes of mercy. Also to the bying of the ornamentys necessarye of the chirch of Yatton xl*s*. in recompense of my tythes and offryngs fforyeten. Also to the makyng of my chapell in the chirch of Walton v marcs. Also y biqueth henry perrot x*li*. And to John Coke xl*s*. Also to the makyng of the stypyłł of the chirch of Seynt Andrews in holborn̄ y byqueath xl*s*. Also y wol that Emmet my wyf whom y make sole myn executryce of this present testament, distribute as much goode for the soules of John and herry as cam to myn handes after her decese, except such somes as hath ben distribute her before for the same cause which she knowith as

wel as y. And that be don y p̃y hir for all the love that ever was bitwen hir and me. And in goddes by halve charge hir as she wol answer afore god and to bere bondon thereof y wol that alle my londes in Englond that ben in my ffeffes hondes to my use astate be made to my wyf terme of hir lyff wtoute ony enpechement of wast the remaynder therof to my sone and to his heires he paying the one half of the charge of the said John and harryes goodes that restyth indistrybute. And yf my said sone disagre hereto then I wol yat ye said londes rest styll in my said ffeffes handes. And that my wyff make sale of so much of the said londes as the said half charge drawyth to. So yat my ffeffes maken a state to such as it is sold unto. Also where y toke x marcs in Gloucshire of dyvers psons by the hondes of Grene y wol that it be restored a yen yf the psons ben a lyve. And yf they be dede that it be disposed for their sowles and myn. Also y wol yat in eūych village and town as y am caried home that there be certen of almes yeven for me to the pore bedler and blynd peple by the discrecion of myn executrice.

Proved 3rd February, 1448.

1449. RICHARD HORE.

[180 Stafford.]

November 22nd, 1449. Richard Hore, Provost and Residenciary of the cathedral church of S. Andrew of Wells. My body to be buried in the tomb made for me near the step of the choir of the said church of Wells under the marble stone brought thither by me. To the fabric of the said church of Wells 40*s.* To the church of Llandussell diocese of S. David's 26*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Llandocanysh in the same diocese 26*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Pencanroc in the same diocese 26*s.* 8*d.* To the church of Kylcombe in the same diocese 26*s.* 8*d.* To the churches of Llanwennok and Slantbewdy in the same diocese 26*s.* 8*d.* each. To the Collegiate church of Abergwilly £18 6*s.* 8*d.* To the parish church of Layharne in the same diocese £15 on condition that within two years after the date of these presents the parishioners there have three new bells made, and if it be not done within three years I will that two

"antiphonalia" be bought by my executors with the said sum. To the Friars Minor of Kermerdyn [Carmarthen] 5 marks. To the Friars Preachers of Brecon 20*s.* For distribution among poor parishioners of Combe St. Nicholas in Somerset 20*s.* To Thomas Baby of Webley in the county of Hereford 40*s.* To John Deryn of Hereford 20*s.* To Sir John Dudley of Hereford 40*s.* To Sir John Hampton vicar choral of Wells 40*s.* To each of my executors, viz., Masters Richard Martyn and Benedict ap-Howell, alias Uske, and Sir John Mathew priest, 5 marks. The residue to my executors to dispose for my soul and the souls of my parents and benefactors.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Chewe, Sir John Shene, priests, Nicholas Aylward and my said executors.

Proved January 21st, 1449.

[1425—July 18th.
Richard Hore app. preb. of Botevant dio. York.
1443—May 31st.
R. H. app. preb. of Moreton Magna dio. Hereford.
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Roger (*sic*) Hore app. preb. of Warham and Ayleston dio. Hereford.]
Le Neve.

1449. RICHARD RUMPAYN.

[185 Stafford.]

February 26th, 1449. Richard Rumpayn of Ylabbotes in the diocese of Bath and Wells. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Ilabbotes. To the said church 20*s.* To the mother church of Wells 6*d.* To the hospital of Taunton 12*d.* To the mending of the bridge of Ilabbotes 3*s.* 4*d.*

The residue to Joan my wife and William Rumpayn my son whom I make my executors.

Proved February 27th, 1449.

1450. ROBERT DREW.

[188 Stafford.]

1450. Robert Drewe, citizen of Bath. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of the Blessed Mary "de Stallis" in the said city. To the cathedral church of

St. Andrew of Wells 2*s.* To the chapel and fraternity of St. Katherine in the said city my best girdle harnessed with silver. To every church in the said city of Bath 3*s.* 4*d.* To the four orders of friars mendicant in the town of Bristol, to each order 6*s.* 8*d.* to pray for my soul when I shall be withdrawn from this light. To John Mownfort a black girdle harnessed with silver and a baselard harnessed with silver. To my sister at Ford near Bath a coverlet for her bed. To her daughter the same. To her husband a green gown furred with black fur and a green hood. To each of my godchildren 20*d.*

The residue to Elisabeth, my wife, whom I make my executrix together with Roger Stanbourgh and Edward Braile. To each of the latter for their labour 6*s.* 8*d.*

Proved April 24th, 1450.

1453. THOMAS DYGON.

[292 Kemp.]

June 15th, 1453. Thomas Dygon. My body to be buried in the parish church of the Blessed Mary of Cherd. To the repair of the new aisle of Cherde 10 [lb.] of lead or the value in money. To the vicar of Cherde a trentall to pray for my soul. To the holy water clerk 2*s.* To each of my godsons and goddaughters a sheep. To William Huchyn 26*s.* To Rauline Huchyn a cow.

I make my executors William Bolty and Alice, my wife, and supervisors William Wisman and Thomas Parissh, to each of whom I bequeath 6*s.* 8*d.*

The residue to my executors to dispose for my soul as they will answer in the day of Judgment.

Proved October 21st, 1453.

1453. WILLIAM BYRKHILL.

[297 Kempe.]

November 6th, 1453. William Byrkhill, citizen of the city of Bath. My body to be buried in the church of St. Michael without the north gate of the said city. To the cathedral church of Wells 8*d.* To the church of St. Michael aforesaid 6*s.* 8*d.* To the high altar for tithes and oblations

forgotten 6*s.* 8*d.* To a priest to celebrate divine offices for my soul in the said church for one year 9 marks. To Thomas, my son, a loom (*textorium*) with all belonging thereto after the death of Elena, my wife, and 40*s.* in coin. To John, my son 40*s.* To Joan, my daughter, £3. To Alice, my daughter, £3. To Joan Totesye, my servant, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the fraternity of the Blessed Katherine of Bath 20*d.*

The residue to Elena, my wife, and I make the said Elena my executrix, and Hugh Golding, supervisor, and I will that he have for his labour, 13*s.* 4*d.*

[No probate clause.]

1491. HENRY ROPER.

[130 Morton.]

December 12th, 1491. Henry Roper. My body to be buried in the church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of Taunton before the image of St. Botolph. To the parish church of Yercumb 6*s.* 8*d.* To the vicar there 3*s.* 4*d.* To the holy-water clerk 12*d.* To John, my elder son, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Emeline, my daughter, £20. To Richard, my son, who is with the vicar of Stokegumer £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

The residue to Willmina, my wife, whom I make my executrix with John Roper and Robert Roper supervisors.

Proved August 2nd, 1491.

At 223 Arundell is given the probate of the will of Nicholas Lypiyate of Wells, dated April 5th, 1405. The will itself is not recorded.

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